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PREFACE

This collection, like its predecessor, "Americana: 1925," is in part the work of thousands of readers of THE AMERICAN MERCURY—of so many, indeed, that it would be a complete impossibility to acknowledge individually my debts to them. Some of the more arresting of the press cuttings that follow came in simultaneously from as many as a hundred readers. Perhaps a half of the matter presented was first brought to my attention by such volunteers. The rest came from private friends, from more or less serious students of American psychology in the Universities, and from my own collectanea. I have been a constant and eager reader of American newspapers for thirty years, and have also devoted a great deal of time to the study of contemporary American pamphlets and broadsides, especially in the fields of religious, medical and political quackery. This copious and highly significant literature, I regret to say, has been little worked by scholars. Even the great American libraries appear to take no interest in it. But I should add that the Library of Congress is an exception. It has a large and very valuable collection of such documents and is constantly making additions to it. Such of my original material as seemed worth preserving has been deposited with the Library, and there, I hope, it

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will instruct and delight students of the generations yet unhatched.

It will be observed that, as in the 1925 volume, religious interests and controversies are here to the fore. The reason is not far to seek. The Scopes trial at Dayton, Tenn., in the Summer of 1924, greatly stimulated the native piety of the American common people, and religious questions have been hotly debated ever since. Such questions, indeed, have always engrossed the Americano. They got into his politics in the earliest days of the Republic, and all subsequent efforts to drive them out have failed. At the present moment the Anti-Saloon League, which is a religious organization pure and simple, is more powerful than any other agency engaged in political agitation in the United States, and though evidences of its dishonesty and corruption are mounting up daily, it will probably hold its influence over professional politicians for a long time to come. It has failed to destroy the liquor traffic, but it is still able to influence elections, especially in the rural districts, and so its mandates are attended to, even by the President of the United States. Many references to it will be found in these pages. There is also frequent mention of the campaign of the Fundamentalists against the teaching of the hypothesis of evolution in the public schools. This campaign was given a brilliant start by the Scopes trial, which greatly alarmed the rustic pietists.

The monthly department of "Americana" in THE AMERICAN MERCURY is frequently under attack, and various efforts have been made to dispose of it by suppressing the magazine as a whole. It was partly respon-

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sible, I believe, for the ill-starred effort of the Watch and Ward Society to bar the magazine from Massachusetts, and also for the attempt of the Postoffice to bar the April, 1926, issue from the mails. When I went to Washington to protest against the latter outrageous proceeding, the Solicitor to the Postoffice, the Hon. Horace J. Donnelly, LL.B., offered certain paragraphs from "Americana" in defense of his position. What he particularly complained of as a violation of the national pruderies was actually an extract from a by-law adopted in a Western town! When I protested that punishing a citizen for publishing a public law was an action unheard of in Christendom, he delicately departed from the subject and lost himself in juridic apothegms.

At the request of various American patriotic societies, I have added to the present volume an Appendix from Foreign Parts. There are also notes for the use of foreign readers.

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H. L. MENCKEN.

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News of Law Enforcement¹ from the Alabama back country in the Columbus (Ga.) *Enquirer-Sun*:

- The other day a man eighty-four years of age was tried, convicted and sentenced to serve six months in the coal mines at Weiger, near Birmingham, and in addition, fined \$500, for violating the Prohibition law in Hale county. This old man was a Confederate soldier, having served under General Joseph E. Johnston.²

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• More from the Birmingham correspondent of the New York *World*:

- The Ku Klux Klan³ set out to-day to close all Chinese restaurants in this city. Its campaign evidently has the full approval of law enforcement officials. Search-warrants for liquor were issued by the Court of Misdemeanors to W. W. Israel, Cyclops of the Klan. Twenty robed Kluxers swooped down on three Chinese places. Fifty diners were searched and the raids netted a small flask of whiskey taken from the hip pocket of a college student. The raiders carried pistols. Their spokesman, clad in the full regalia of the Klan, served the warrants on the Chinese proprietors. As he and his men searched the diners he told them: "Finish your meals and

get out and stop patronizing these Chink ' joints unless you are looking for serious trouble. There are plenty of good 100% American cafés in town."

3

Specimen epistle of a Southern university president, from the distinguished *Montgomery Journal*:

To the Editor:

I want to thank you for your generous policy in dealing with our game at Pasadena.

Some one has asked me to point out the outstanding sentiment expressed in the many letters that have come to us from the Pacific Coast since the great New Year's game. Perhaps the public would expect me to put in the foreground the letters congratulating us on the wonderful victory or the letters commending the fine sportsmanship of the team.

But these, after all, are not the things that have most profoundly touched my heart. The sentiment that has gripped me most mightily is found in the many expressions of appreciation of the conduct of these Southern boys in far-away California. For example, the Rev. Dr. John Marvin Dean, pastor of the leading Baptist church of Pasadena, before a great congregation, commended the refusal of these boys to violate the Sabbath day by engaging in practice, as the Western teams frequently do, or by doing any other unseemly thing. He pronounced a fine eulogy on the team's conduct as compared to that of other groups who have visited Pasadena. Our Southern people still "remember the Sabbath so keep it holy."

Far more important than the winning of the game is the fine ideal of conduct and living that these Alabama boys carried to the Coast and exemplified there in plain view of all

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men. After all, I believe that this great fact will give to the fathers and mothers of Alabama the largest measure of satisfaction.

GEORGE H. DENNY,^a
President

^a University, Ala.

4

Specimen of Late Alabama prose by the gifted editor of the Cullman *Tribune*:

Then Judge Hugo Black, of Birmingham, who is not only one of the best known and most successful members of the Birmingham bar, but is truly a silver tongue orator and one of the ablest and most deepest thinkers in the South to-day, for his thoughts are not just of to-day, but he is ever looking into the future, grasping opportunities in lending his talents for the betterment of those who tomorrow will tread life's journey, trying to instill into the minds of those who are privileged to come in touch with him that on this earth there is work for one and all to do if they do the wish of the Saviour of men whose examples were given on this earth more than two thousand years ago, was introduced by President Fuller as the speaker of the evening.

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Prizes for the encouragement of literary endeavor, announced through the State Federation of Women's Clubs:

1. Press and Authors' Club, Montgomery: \$10 for the best rondeau.

2. Mildred Reynolds Saffold: loving cup, to be known

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as the Mary Whiting Barrington Memorial Cup, to be presented each year to the person writing the best sonnet.

3. Mrs. G. H. Tatus, Greenville: \$5 for the best love story.

4. Kate Slaughter McKinney (Katydid): \$5 for the one who writes the most poetry during the year, including herself.

5. Student Writers, Selma: \$10 for the best storiette.

6. Scribblers Club, Selma: \$5 for the best sonnet or brief story.

7. Mrs. Val Taylor, Uniontown: \$10 for the best essay on "Higher Education of Women."

8. Bessemer Writers' Club: \$10 for the best short story.

9. Maud Lindsay, Sheffield: a prize for the best ballad of not more than 64 lines. Subject, "Jinny Bean's Ride at the Battle of Kings Mountain." ^a

10. Mrs. C. B. Jaynes: \$10 for metrical verse.

11. Mrs. J. E. Penny: \$10 for the best short story.

12. Mrs. Mant Hood (through the Exclusive Furniture Shop): \$10 for the best essay on "Home Decoration."

13. Birmingham Quill Club: \$10 for the best article of a devotional nature, not to exceed 1,000 words.

6

Hymeneal orgies among the high-toned colored folk of Mt. Meigs, as described by the special correspondent of the eminent *Montgomery Journal*:

A marriage of cordial interest to a host of friends both in Alabama and Texas, was that of Alice Olenza Wingfield and James W. Smothers, which was solemnized Wednesday evening, at 6:30 p. m., in the auditorium of the Rogers building, State Reform School, Mt. Meigs, Ala. The ring cere-

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mony was performed by the Rev. J. B. Holmes, pastor of the Old Ship A. M. E.⁷ Zion Church, Montgomery. The auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion with southern smilax, fern and tall hanging baskets filled with gladioli, roses, and other cut flowers. The decoration on the rostrum was arranged to resemble a large flower garden, which formed a beautiful background. An appropriate program of music was rendered before and during the ceremony. Professor F. D. Adair, director of music at the State Normal⁸ School, presided at the piano. Marie Mitchell, of Birmingham, sang "Because." Bertha Loveless, of Montgomery, sang "My Destiny." E. L. Goff, of State Normal School, sang "Oh, Promise Me." Under the direction of L. Camilla Hightower, director of physical culture of the State Normal School, the wedding procession began. As the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march pealed forth from the piano, Groomsman Harold Saunders, of Montgomery, and W. E. Mitchell, of Tuskegee,⁹ entered, followed by Faustine Hamblin and Elizabeth Charles, of Montgomery, bridesmaids. Next came W. B. Hill, of Centreville, and Burrell, of Tuskegee, followed by Fannie Nelms and Hortense Lewis, of Montgomery, bridesmaids. Then came Wilhelmina Welch, of Tuskegee, bridesmaid, and Clarence Lee, of Montgomery, groomsman. All of the bridesmaids and groomsmen stood upon the rostrum during the ceremony, which, added to the background of flowers, made a very beautiful picture. A. W. West, Jr., son of Dr. A. W. West, and Morris Hightower Williams, son of Morris Williams, both of Montgomery, were pages. Gelene Gregory, of Greenville, and a childhood friend of the bride, was maid of honor. E. Jones, of Marion, Ala., was matron of honor. Wilhelmina Grey, daughter of Dr. W. E. Gray, of Montgomery, and Annie Lee Cotton, sister of Jean Cotton, were

flower girls and scattered rose petals in the path of the bride. Wilhelmina's dress was blue georgette and lace, and Annie wore green georgette and rosebuds. The bride entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage! Her veil formed a train, was trimmed with pearls and caught to her hair with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was bride's roses, showered with fern. She wore a string of pearls, the gift of the groom. They were met at an improvised altar of smilax, ferns and white roses, by the groom and his best man, Calhoun of the Veteran's Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala. Professor Adair softly played "To a Wild Rose" during the ceremony. More than four hundred representative citizens, white and colored, of Mt. Meigs, Montgomery, Tuskegee and other sections of the State witnessed the ceremony. Gifts received were numerous and valuable, coming from citizens of the community and other sections, representing both white and colored of all professions. An informal reception was tendered the guests, in honor of the bride and groom, on the campus while the school band entertained with choice selections.

7

The Hon. Mr. Cloe, Commissioner of Education of Birmingham, in the distinguished *Post* of the same:

No one should teach in our schools who does not believe in Jesus Christ and the Bible.

8

The delights of theatre-going in Montgomery, as described by the eminent *Journal*:

During the second intermission Peg Jones gave a whirlwind dance, after which he played a number and danced,

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using his harp. Loud applause was echoed throughout the audience and he was summoned for an encore, after which he danced with his hands, making his own music with his harp, which was beyond everyone's imagination.

9

Mellow words of the able editor of the Baldwin *Times*:

A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT

We've had in mind writing a little word of commendation of the Hedge and Fleming undertaking company for quite a while. First one thing and then another has delayed it.

It should be a source of considerable comfort to the people of this county to know that they have available such a fine organization as this one is, to handle the sad and oftentimes sorely trying duty of properly laying away our departed ones. No town anywhere, regardless of size, has any better qualified or more sympathetic morticians¹⁰ than are the persons making up this organization. They are well informed on their business, as their advertisements, which appear weekly in the *Times*, disclose.

Another point which we would touch in passing is the need of properly cleaning up and disinfecting the quarters in which some contagious disease was treated, as often arises in their business. Hedge and Fleming understand fully all the laws of sanitation and their record is a most enviable one. The care which they bestow on those who pass away, and the thoughtfulness they show the survivors, are matters of great importance to the bereaved and are ones in which they excel.

Bulletin for Alabama boosters from the *Journal of the American Medical Association*:

Hookworm¹¹ infestation is one of the major public health problems of Alabama. Here the parasite has a wide distribution, for scarcely any county, town or village that has been studied has been found free of infestation. Among children of school age the incidence ranges from less than 5 per cent in some of the larger towns to 95 per cent in the heavily infested rural communities.

ARIZONA

1

Contribution to polite Americana by the Wickenburg correspondent of the *Prescott Journal Miner*:

Mrs. Rosa Ellis, *née* Wilson, *née* Miller, proprietor of the Ellis Café, was a Phoenix visitor.

2

Patriotic dictum of the Rev. O. L. Martin, a visiting evangelist at Peoria:

If I had my way there would be no language taught in the United States except English, and any foreigner coming here would be immediately sent back if he could not speak our language. I am a 100% American.

3

Business advertisement in the *Arizona Daily Star*, of Tucson:

SPECIAL SERVICES
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. WALTER B. GREENWAY, D.D.

of Bethany Temple, Philadelphia, Will Deliver a Series
of Addresses

Public Cordially Invited

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We give both "*Special*" and regular Laundry Services. Send the family bundle here.

TUCSON STEAM LAUNDRY

Look For Our White Autos

Phone 587

P. E. Howell, Manager

4

The lighter moments of a sage of the desert, as reported by the high-toned New York *Evening Post*:

Dr. C. H. Marvin, president of the University of Arizona at Tucson, camouflaged as a bewhiskered white wing,¹ will help State American Legion² Commander Dougherty sweep a Phoenix thoroughfare because Phoenix defeated Tucson in a Legion membership campaign.

5

The Rev. A. S. Baillie, before the Tucson Rotary³ Club:

If Christ were in Tucson today, He would enjoy being present at the meeting of the Rotary Club.

6

Patriotic dictum attributed to the aforesaid Capt. Cloyd Heck Marvin, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., president of the University of Arizona, by the *Daily Star* of Tucson:

We cannot accept European music as the basis of our music, because it is founded on monarchical and aristocratic notions.

ARKANSAS

I

Progress of the New Jurisprudence in Little Rock, as brought to light by a United Press dispatch:

Proposals to change the city's censorship ordinances which have been submitted to the city council by Mayor C. E. Moyer, include:

No ridicule of the Volstead Act.¹

No display of unadorned feminine beauty over five inches above the knee.

No suggestive matter in sight or song.

No remarks about unfaithfulness to marriage vows.

No ridicule of any religion.

No bedroom scenes.

No talk of white slavery.

No long, passionate love scenes.

No ridicule of American traditions.

2

Aesthetic note from the State university:

Paul Whiteman² was first and Beethoven second in a plebiscite recently taken of the student body of the University of Arkansas to determine the identity of "the world's greatest musician."³ For third place, there was a tie between

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Paderewski and Henry D. Tovey, director of the musical department of the university.

3

Obiter dictum attributed to Dickson, J., of Fayetteville, by the *Arkansas Countryman*:

Sunday observance is the corner-stone of civilization.

4

Disquieting society item in the eminent Bald Knob *Eagle*:

A jolly bunch of our young people went on a kodaking expedition Sunday that resulted in many exposures and a very enjoyable time.

5

News note from El Dorado, in the Ku Klux and *Necator americanus* ^a Belt:

Despite the fact he has been an invalid and unable to walk for 22 years, Charlie Smith had gained a very profitable livelihood in the manufacture of moonshine ⁴ whiskey, it was brought out in the Circuit Court Saturday. Three children whom Smith cared for told the court that he, their uncle, had compelled them to make the liquor and had for more than four years directed the operation of the still from his invalid chair.

6

Discovery in applied meteorology in the rising town of Kensott, as set forth in a current news dispatch:

After the city council here had passed an ordinance prohibiting the public singing, whistling, humming or otherwise

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expressing the song "'Tain't Gonna Rain No More," the long continued drought and heat wave was broken by showers. The temperature dropped nearly 40 degrees.

7

Specimen of Christian prose by the gifted editor of the *Log Cabin Democrat* of Conway, "the Athens of Arkansas":

I was looking at the stars this morning before daylight and was thinking how beautiful they were and how beautiful nature was, and I saw something I had never seen before. I saw a star fall. Of course, I had seen lots of them fall, but not like this one. It had fallen only a short distance when it looked like large sparks of fire were coming from it. Then all at once it caught in a big blaze and blazed for several seconds and went out. . . . I urge that the church members be at Bristol next Saturday and Sunday, as we want to finish paying Rev. Roberts his salary.

8

Dithyrambs of the gifted staff poet of the *White County Citizen*:

Our flag is the most beautiful flag
Of any nation, country or state,
We would not trade it for any other,
No, not at any rate.

We love this beautiful country of America,
We're glad to call it our home,
I always want to be in its shelter
And never 'from it to roam.

Our soldiers seem to fight better
At the sight of Old Glory,^a
This beautiful flag of ours
Tells many an interesting story.

This beautiful banner of colors
That has helped our country to save
When in long years to come
I trust it will wave over our grave.

9

Platform of the Missionary Baptists^a of Oakland:

We do not allow our members to dance, play cards, get drunk, or play ball or golf on Sunday; or men and women to go bathing together. These things should not be practiced by a Christian person.

O. L. LIERLY, *Pastor.*

From the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*:

Questioned in Police Court as to whether he had been born in this country, J. W. McCluskey, 4201A Manchester avenue, a defendant in a peace disturbance case, responded, "No, sir, I was born in Arkansas."

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Want ad¹ in the eminent *Times* of the New Thought² and Kiwanis³ capital of America:

YOUNG gentleman wants room in N. W. district where there are no other roomers. State particulars, including trade of husband. Address M, box 94, TIMES OFFICE.

2

Proud boast of the boosters of Sonora:

We have a . . . cow for every one person here.

3

¹ Mature conclusion of a talented lady reporter on the Oakland *Post Enquirer*:

Athens, the city of Greece which boasted of its men of art and literature rather than of its prowess in war and commerce, has passed into history. But on the east side of San Francisco Bay nature and man have so combined to encourage genius that the record of Athens is being rivalled by ²Oakland,⁴ home of poets, story tellers and artists.

4

From a public bull by the Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher,

D.D., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Los Angeles:

If Jesus Christ was on earth today, He would be a Shriner.⁵

5

Large red-lettered sign posted on all the barn-fences and lamp-posts of the charming town of Glendale:

Hear Astronomer-Evangelist Knox tell of Great Discovery

HELL LOCATED!

In these days of research and discovery, the planet on which the fires of hell will consume the wicked has been definitely located. Remarkable screen pictures of the "Burning World" will be shown during the enlightening lecture on

"THE FATE OF THE SINFUL"

Mr. Knox will answer the question—"How Long Will Hell Burn?"

KNOX TABERNACLE

CORNER BRAND AND CALIFORNIA

6

Contribution to scientific method by the gifted editorial writer of the Lodi *Sentinel*:

The true test of any doctrine, religious or scientific, should be the effect it will have on the lives of young men and women who will soon be carrying on. If it leads away from the religious beliefs of our forefathers and tends to weaken faith, it should be condemned.

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Bitter protest from a Bryanite * reader of the intellectual
Los Angeles Times:

*My daughter, Myrabel, until a year ago, was attending a private school where the biblical explanation of creation was taught. She was then a righteous and Christian maiden who had the highest ideals. She never smoked or swore.

Then I sent Myrabel to one of our so-called "Christian colleges" where she was compelled to study biology and its attending theory of evolution. I should have known better than to send her to these iniquitous colleges. After Myrabel had been taught evolution she no longer had the ideals that were hers before. Her self-respect is shattered. She has bobbed her hair; she uses cosmetics; she smokes and swears. Yesterday she fell so completely into the hands of the devil as to take liquor. I felt compelled to refuse her further admission into our home.

So, Mr. Editor, can you not help in the spreading crusade to stamp out the evolution forever and guide the Southwest in a return to a God-fearing righteousness?

JONATHAN MORTON

8

From a similar customer of the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

Daylight saving time . . . is blasphemy. . . . There is nothing said in the Bible about putting clocks ahead in the Summer. . . .

MRS. E. T. WILSON

9

More evidence of the success of Prohibition, from the editorial page of the moral *Los Angeles Times*:

California is not furnishing the nation with all the grapes that are demanded. We shipped more than 50,000 carloads of them East last season, but more than \$300,000 worth of grapes were imported from Argentina, to say nothing of those from Spain and Italy. Official Prohibition¹ was the greatest stimulant the grape market ever had.

10

From a report of divorce proceedings in the Los Angeles Examiner:

"I had a yellow dress that I liked very much," she told Judge Hollzer. "But Mr. Seaman was unreasonably prejudiced against it.

"'Only wild women wear yellow dresses,' he said. It hurt my feelings terribly."

"This court does not presume to rule on matters of taste," observed Judge Hollzer. "But it can well see that such a remark would give rise to mental anguish² of that degree contemplated by the code as cause for divorce. Decree granted."

11

Triumph of therapeutics over Christian morality in Berkeley:

Regardless of prudish neighbors, two-year-old Rolf Ellefson is going to have fifteen minutes of sun daily in the nude in his own back-yard. This is the ultimatum of his mother, Lillian Ellefson, 2338 Roosevelt avenue. . . . The family physician prescribed the sun's rays. But neighbors complained to the police. One delicate husband said the nude two-year-old "embarrassed his wife frightfully."

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[nvitation received by the eminent artists⁹ resident at Hollywood:

• We cordially invite you to attend the opening of the
FAITH MATERNITY HOSPITAL

• 1739 MORTON AVENUE

Opening program under the personal supervision of
MR. SID GRAUMAN

An evening of pleasure from 8:30 to 1 a. m.

13

Mellow meditation of the talented John Steven McGroarty¹⁰ in the Los Angeles *Times*:

William Jennings Bryan's welcome at the Jasper Gates of God must have been very great. The walls and the parapets of the High Heavens were crowded with countless hosts to see him come. . . .

14

Questions and answers recorded by the Hon. Carl V. King, secretary of the Civil Service Commission¹¹ of Los Angeles:

Question. If you found a man with a severe cut on the head that was bleeding freely, what would you do?

Answer. I would put a tourniquet on his neck.

Q. If you found a man with a dislocated hip, what would you do?

A. I would give him an emetic.

Q. What is a morgue?

A. A piece of paper held against property for borrowed money.

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Q. What does habeas corpus mean?

A. The red corpuscles in the blood.

Q. What does urban mean?

A. Knowledge of herbs.

Q. What is a kleptomaniac?

A. Person with a mania causing him to lie unnecessarily.

Q. What is arson?

A. The act of trying to poison a person with arsenic.

15

Specimen of music criticism from the distinguished *Pacific Defender*, the leading Aframerican¹² journal of Los Angeles:

Softly as the gentlest zephyrs in the beautiful floating splendor of the mellow sunshine of a nobler life, tenderly as the bewitching, caressing, natural canary bird, then, at times, increasingly strong and stronger with the greater challenging power of the pure, babbling, singing brook that runs merrily over the rocky pathways from its high mountain cradle, a humanly beautiful nightingale, an unforgettable, entrancing thrush, the best specimen of a glorious singer the downtrodden Ethiopian race could produce; by the power of her voice as important a liberator of her people as Frederick Douglass¹³ was by his oratorical form, gifted beyond the finest praise with a voice so rare, so sweet, so clear and so hypnotizing as we can hardly find in any other singer that we have heard. This was Madame Florence Cole-Talbert.

16

How he-men¹⁴ relax from the strains of Service in

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Southern California, as brought to light by the Los Angeles *Examiner*:

So successful was the mustache growing contest won by the Lions Club¹⁸ of Anaheim against the Lions Club of Ontario that when the silver loving mustache cup was handed to the winning team it was decided to have the words "first annual" incorporated in the inscription. The contest started thirty days ago and terminated when a committee of six women judges reviewed the exhibits offered by seventy men in the Valley Club at Pomona. To determine the winners the judges used calipers, magnifying glasses and T-squares.

17

From the Power of Prayer column of the Los Angeles *Examiner*:

I had cancer of the bones of the face for fourteen years and part of the jaw bone removed and a cavity in the bone to the eye about an inch across. After two operations and the best treatments known to medical science, it broke out the third time, affecting practically all the bones of the left side of my face, all of my throat, my nose was twice its size, there was a great blotch on the other side of my face and it had gone to the brain in two places.

I knew I could not live more than a few hours, so I stopped in the center of the floor and said, "Lord, you raised the dead and cleansed the lepers. You can heal me now." The power struck me and went through me like a bolt of lightning and I was instantly healed. My face was dreadfully swollen and stiff, but the stiffness left instantly and in a few hours' time the swelling was gone.

I was afflicted with many other diseases which seemed

incurable. We were compelled to leave Iowa on account of the asthma which I had for more than 10 years, had stomach and bowel trouble 14 years, inflammation of the bladder 15 years, had "flu" and pneumonia twice and the second attack left a place in each lung about three inches across that never healed, and it also left me with congestion of the spleen. I was born anemic, having had to take iron all my life, and when I was eighteen years old, the physicians, after consultation, told me to get the iron tablets in bottles of 500 and take from fifteen to eighteen grains a day, which I did. The vertebrae in my spine had not stayed in place for over twenty years, and I had to take treatments much of the time, suffering terrible headaches, until the physicians could not understand how I had not lost my mind.

But when the Lord healed me on March 19, 1921, I was healed completely of everything. The cavity in my face had to be packed with gauze every day, and just one year from the time I was healed the Lord closed up the opening in the bone and healed my eyes and delivered me of my glasses which I had worn twenty-nine years. I never knew a well day in my life until the Lord healed me. A mole on the side of my face and two corns on my feet also vanished.

MRS. W. H. F.

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News item from Auburn:

In a casket banked high with flowers, Bobby, the prize chicken of Miss Etta M. Wilkerson, who conducts a dairy near here, was shipped to Roseville for interment.

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Strong and sarcastic words of the Hon. Ted W. Good-

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year, of Lankershim, directed at him who stripped his automobile, as set forth in the *Los Angeles Times*:

Met's words are incapable of expressing my heartfelt thanks to you for leaving the paint on my car, and the air in the tires.

* But I double dare you to return for that. If there is in you any of the spirit of Jesse James¹⁶ and Rube Burrows, whom you so earnestly try to emulate, and you should try to return and get the dust and bills on the car, you will find an automatic shotgun that can empty five charges of buckshot over ninety degrees of Lankershim in nothing flat. If that isn't hospitality enough for you, maybe some soft noses will suffice.

In my estimation you are lower than whale tracks on the bottom of the ocean. You would sell your dead grandmother's skin for sausage casings.

Only the censorship of this newspaper prevents me from stating how, why and just what I really think of you.

Mispah, Kismet, Selah and Auf Wiedersehen!¹⁷ May the Lord forgive you as I do—not! I hope I have made myself sufficiently clear.

20

Festal day among California blue-stockings, as reported by the eminent Oakland *Enquirer*:

Invitations to attend the breaking of ground for the new women's prison at San Quentin Saturday were mailed to 150 clubwomen recently. The exercises will be preceded by a luncheon.

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Contribution to the New Jurisprudence by Britt, J., of

El Dorado, as revealed by an Associated Press dispatch:

Dr. A. W. Berrow, of Smackover, was charged with forging the name of a Hot Springs pathologist to a report on a blood test. Dr. W. T. Carter, of Hot Springs, appeared as the State's star witness. Following is the colloquy which passed between the defense attorney and the witness:

Q. Dr. Carter, do you believe in the existence of a Christian God?

A. No. I do not believe in the existence of a Christian God.

Q. Do you believe in a future life?

A. No.

Q. Do you believe in the doctrine of future rewards and punishment?

A. No, I do not.

Q. Do you believe that when a man dies he dies like a cow or animal?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Do you believe in an omnipotent power?

A. No.

At this juncture Judge L. S. Britt ordered the witness dismissed and the indictment against Dr. Berrow quashed.

The Hon. Arthur Brisbane, in the San Francisco *Examiner*:

Aristotle was the Judge Gary¹⁸ of his day. .

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Contribution to the same science from California :

Children attending schools in California cannot be asked to write essays on the subject of communism, Attorney General U. S. Webb has ruled. Webb holds that the writing of such essays would necessitate a study of a subject which is taboo in this country.

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Pastor T. J. Shelton, of Denver, in the *Scientific Christian* of that great city:

I hold converse with myself and enjoy the conversation. I like to hear my voice and I want a good audience. I know that I will be the very best auditor and so I talk to myself. This is what we call sunphonic thought.

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The service of God in the town of Greeley, as reported by the celebrated *Tribune*:

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

GREELEY'S GREATEST DAY RELIGIOUSLY

One Thousand and Two in Bible School

Twenty-five Additions to the Church

Great Men's Bible Class in Park Theatre, 9:15 A. M.

Great Woman's Class in Church at Same Hour

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BIG BUS WILL GATHER UP THE CROWDS AND BRING THEM TO BIBLE SCHOOL

Bus and private cars will be on the streets from 8 o'clock until 9:45. These cars will carry banners. Be ready early, watch for bus; give them the signal and bus will stop for you. Bus will travel the streets, starting on Fourth street at 8 o'clock. Other cars will take the avenues, beginning on Sixth avenue, at 8 o'clock. Several cars will be on the streets east of railroad tracks at the same hour. Prize will be given to person bringing most people in one car load.

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Great Evangelistic Church Services, 11 A. M., 3:00 P. M., and 7:30 P. M., Three Christian Endeavor Society Meetings at 5:15 P. M.

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SPECIAL TO RURAL MEMBERS

Set the old alarm clock for about 4 A. M. Get the chores¹ done early, in order that you may have plenty of time to wash Johnnie's face and curl Mary's hair, find pa's collar buttons, and get the entire family to the Bible school.

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SPECIAL TO THE COMMERCIAL CLUB,² LIONS, ROTARY, KIWANIS, COLLEGE AND CITY OFFICIALS

A special photo will be taken of the men's class and the entire Bible school.

This photo will be used in a feature story of the Greeley Christian Church which is to be published in one of the largest religious journals in the world. This journal goes to every country in the world, to every State in America,

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and to nearly every town. Several million people will see this photo and will read this story.

Greeley folks, can you conceive of any better form of advertising for Greeley, Weld county, and Northern Colorado?????

Will Greeley rally to this wonderful opportunity? We believe she will.

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The decay of Birth Control in Denver, as set forth by a want ad in the illustrious *Post*:

Beautiful hand-engraved, 18-karat solid white gold baby ring given absolutely free with every purchase of a wedding ring.

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Cultural note from the *Post*:

Colorado's American Legion, through Commander John B. Barnard and John C. Vivian, past commander, has lodged vigorous protest against the proposal of the Manassa school board to dedicate a new high-school building at Manassa to Jack Dempsey.^a

5

Intellectual recreation of a 100% Nordic Blond of the fair town of Loveland, as brought to light in the estimable *Reporter-Herald*:

Kent Reeves spent eight hours counting and listing the cars that passed Derby Hill, south of Loveland, and has

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turned in the following report: Fords, going North, 185, South, 162; Chevrolet, N. 71, S. 55; Dodge, N. 34, S. 33.

Four hundred and fifty-six of the cars were traveling North during the eight hours, and 400 were traveling South. During that period fifteen motor trucks went North and twenty-six traveled South. One team went in each direction; one man walked North over the highway, and one bicycle went in each direction.

6

Progress of the Higher Learning in the Rockies, as revealed by a recent Greeley dispatch:

The Colorado State Teachers' College has opened a course in janitor ' engineering, in which the six janitors of the college are being instructed in the intricacies of sweeping floors, washing windows and tending furnaces.

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Net results of the Law Enforcement crusade in Denver, as described by the Hon. Thomas Mainland, a Christian business man, in the *Rocky Mountain News*:

I saw boys and girls by the dozens drunk. I saw them in the rottenest kinds of places imaginable. Most of the down-town drunkenness was confined to the young people. The older men, the business men, don't go out to the bootlegging saloon for their whiskey. They have it sent to their homes or their office. In the hotels, the rooming houses, the bootleg establishments, I saw youngsters dead drunk night after night.'

**Significant ecclesiastical note from the Colorado Springs
Gazette:**

One of Sheriff Samuel H. Berkley's prisoners—M. E. Sackville-Balle—has departed from jail to take up the profession of minister. He had been in the county jail for many weeks and recently pleaded guilty before Justice G. W. Highsmith to a charge of passing a short check for \$1.25. He was sentenced to serve five days in jail. When it was learned that Sackville-Balle was about to secure his freedom the sheriff at Hugo and Denver officers informed Sheriff Berkley that the prisoner was wanted in those cities. During his short term, Sackville-Balle was successful in making settlements. He cleared himself of the impending prosecution and is now in a position to study for the ministry.

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New world's champion discovered in Prof. Edward F. Bigelow, A. M., Ph.D., of Sound Beach, whose lecture, "Sixty Years with Girls, the Loveliest of All God's Creations," is "based on longer personal acquaintance, more careful observations and a wider range of unique experiences with girls than that of any other person, either man or woman":

WHERE I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT GIRLS:

1. Four sisters (no brothers) and only girls as boyhood playmates.
2. Three daughters and two granddaughters.
3. For ten years a teacher of girls in public schools.
4. For twenty-five years a teacher of girls in the best boarding schools.

a. For twenty-five years lecturer and teacher in Miss Spence's School for Girls in New York City. For six years (1919-1924) have taken girls from that school to Summer camps.

Also lecturer and guide on outings in some fifteen other high class boarding-schools for girls.

Six years lecturer with outings Briarcliff School, Briarcliff Manor, New York.

- b. For ten years in The Castle boarding-school for girls

at Tarrytown-on-Hudson, New York, as teacher, lecturer and guide in all kinds of outings and excursions.

c. For two years weekly outings and lectures at The Low-Heywood School for Girls, Stamford, Conn.

d. Two years lecturer and guide in outings in woods and fields, in The Ely School, Greenwich, Connecticut.

5. Sacred Heart Convents for girls in New York City (two); Rochester, New York; Detroit, Michigan; annual visits, three days each, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Providence, Rhode Island, and St. Mary's College for Girls in Monroe, Michigan—also lecturer in Catholic schools in Washington, D. C.

6. Sunday-school teacher of girls in Episcopal and Methodist churches for twenty years. Leader of St. Agnes Guild for Girls for about ten years.

7. For fourteen and a half years editor of "Nature and Science" of *St. Nicholas Magazine*—correspondence chiefly with girls.

8. Employer of girls for forty years.

9. Have taken girls and had personal charge of them in three leading camps for girls for last six years. Have conducted nature work and had charge of outings in eleven camps for girls in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.

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Press dispatch from Stamford:

Arnold Kurth, dog warden, has in his kennels a mongrel found guilty of repeated attacks on the American flag. The dog was caught as a result of complaints that flags over graves of soldiers and sailors in Woodland cemetery had been chewed to rags. Kurth passed several days watching at the

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cemeterly, and caught the mongrel after it had chewed a flag. The animal will be killed.

3

Progress of academic freedom in Hartford, as revealed by the *Times*:

For criticising Dean Edward Treffingwell Troxell's recent Trinity¹ chapel address, in which the dean was quoted as saying that "It is our duty in college to disregard the individual and to turn out a Trinity type," Malcolm Stevenson, managing editor of the *Tripod*, the weekly college paper, has been suspended from Trinity for a month.

4

From *Marriage Bells*, published by the Eastern Agency, Bridgeport:

8586. Who will save me? I am in the grip of passion, my only weakness; take pity on me, with eyes toward Heaven I pray for my mate; will give my life's devotion to a girl under 135 pounds who will save my health and future from a living hell. Am struggling one more year for a professional career; am 29, 5-7, of nice appearance.

5

Indignant outburst of the Waterbury *Democrat*, a Christian newspaper:

Even the beasts of the field have a better conception of their duties towards life and for what they were created than

these so-called people advocating birth control. . . . If there are those who believe and practice such a custom, it would indeed be a great relief to society in general if they kept their opinions and dirty tricks to themselves and *not* try to get laws passed whereby every decent citizen in Connecticut will by their very passage have to give his sanction to their barnyard antics.

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The Hon. Harry Dodge, before the Wilmington Rotary Club:

There was one 100% Rotarian. He lived 2000 years ago.
He was Jesus of Nazareth.

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From the police regulations of the capital of the Republic:

Any one playing immoral music shall be liable to arrest.

Why the Hon. Mabel W. Willebrandt,¹ LL.D., assistant Attorney-General in charge of Prohibition enforcement, is so successful in spotting violators of the Eighteenth Amendment, revealed by a Washington dispatch to the *Milwaukee Journal*:

"Let me see your hand," is a frequent request of Mrs. Willebrandt. . . . She is a firm believer in palmistry.

3

Humorous note extracted from Price List No. 64, tenth edition, issued by the Government Printing Office:

The greatest art of all, that of maintaining and spreading free government, is strenuously carried on by President, Cabinet, Senators, Representatives, Army, and Navy.

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High, gloating words of the Hon. Thomas Lewis Rubey,

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A.B., A.M., of Lebanon, Laclede county, Missouri, in the House of Representatives:

It is indeed one of the greatest honors that can be conferred upon an American citizen to elect him to represent his district in the House of Representatives. It is the greatest legislative body in all the world, because it is the law-making body of the greatest Government on this earth, and not only that, but it is the greatest Government that has ever been established since the beginning of time.

5

Contribution to the American language by the Hon. John C. Schafer, representative in Congress from the great State of Wisconsin (*Congressional Record*,² Vol. 67, No. 49, p. 3528, col. 2):

Mr. Chairman, I will *only* take *but* a few moments of the committee's time.

6

Contribution to the American language by the Hon. John H. Bartlett, A.B. (Dartmouth), formerly Governor of New Hampshire and now First Assistant Postmaster-General, from an official publication entitled "Observations on the duties of Contact Men as Applied to the Postoffice Department Organization":

•It is his act . . . even if it is never *signed* by the Postmaster-General or his assistants.
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7

Contribution to the American language by the Hon.³

W. A. Ayres, of Kansas, in a debate in the House of Representatives (*Congressional Record*, Vol. 67, No. 48, p. 3441, col. 2):

I wish to say this committee—that is, the Appropriations Committee—up to date has so far *outeconomized* Mr. Coolidge that there is no comparison to be drawn.

8

The Hon. Tom Connally, A.B., LL.B., of Texas, in the same debate:

It will *not* take *but* a minute.

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Extract from the proceedings of the United States Senate:

MR. NEELY. I should like to know how my friend from South Carolina feels when he sees a woman smoking a cigarette and blowing the smoke in a man's face, as I frequently see around these hotel lobbies?

MR. BLEASE. Mr. President, the Senator does not want an answer to that question—not in the Senate Chamber, at least. I will not say what I think about that here. I will tell the Senator privately what I think about it.

10

Another:

MR. BROUSSARD. Does the Senator advocate penal servitude for a man who violates the Prohibition law?

MR. FESS. I will very quickly vote for imprisonment.

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MR. BROUSSARD. Would the Senator advocate capital punishment?

MR. FESS. Oh, not necessarily.

MR. BROUSSARD. Not necessarily?

MR. FESS. I do in some cases.

MR. BROUSSARD. In some cases the Senator would?

MR. FESS. Yes.

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Cultural item from the proceedings of the House:

MR. WINGO, of *Arkansas*. Does the gentleman from New York know what a façade is?

MR. LA GUARDIA, of *New York*. Of course he does. Does the gentleman from Arkansas?

MR. WINGO. Yes; it is the same thing to a building that a snout is to a hog.

12

The advance of the modern spirit at George Washington University, as revealed by the *University Hatchet*, the student paper:

President William Mather Lewis met the President's Student Committee in his office in the administration building, in the first of a series of informal conferences. . . . Several suggestions were advanced by the student committee, two of which were approved and adopted. One was to the effect that every Friday the chapel service should be turned over to the cheer leader ⁴ for the purpose of arousing pep ⁵ and promoting a stronger university spirit. The suggestion was promptly adopted and President Lewis took action on

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the proposal immediately, the chapel service last Friday being conducted in accordance with this plan.

13

From a printed notice handed to his tenants by the Hon. Leland Barton, LL.B., landlord of a series of rooming-houses in the great city of Wshington:

In a city parents with children generally have a hard time to get rooms. To intercept an unfavorable criticism of such administration, it is deemed self-defensive to give a philosophical reason therefor. Nature, demanding a continuation of the race, has engendered a blind affection of parents for their children and deposed their ordinarily good judgment, so parents generally fail to realize their children are bad and bothersome, hence a parent's word his children are good can not be depended upon. When parents physically punish their children, it is desirable that that act not break up the happy dreams of brides and grooms, of bachelors and maids within hearing distance, by unearthly yells of the children. So, if some children are admitted into some rooming houses, then in those particular ones *spanking parlors* will be padded and deadened for the use of parents.

14

Socio-ecclesiastical note from the intellectual Washington *Post*:

The more warts the merrier it will be for the boys and girls who go on the Gospel Mission's outing at Arlington Beach. A handsome prize, donated by the park management, will be presented to the child showing the most of them.

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15

Contribution to the study of the *Kriegsschuldfrage* by the Rev. Z. B. Phillips, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, as reported in the *Post*:

Veiled communism and not militarism and economic ambitions caused the World War.

16

Progress of the Higher Learning in the nation's capital, as revealed by a notice in *Printer's Ink*:

The National School of Bricklaying, Inc., Washington, D. C., has placed its advertising account with the Tauber Advertising Agency, of that city. Plans are being prepared for a magazine advertising campaign on the school's correspondence course in bricklaying.

17

Ecclesiastical notice in the *Washington Star*:

E. HEZ SWEM, pastor. "Winter Story XI: She got her eye on him and said—" 8 p. m., two men will be baptized in the beautiful baptistry having French plate glass on three sides, enabling all to see the river water burial and resurrection. Free easy chairs (men like them); fine organ. 11 a. m., "Church Detectives." Centennial Bapt. Ch. (*debtless*), 7th and Eye n.e.

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The recreation of public servants in their hours of ease, as set forth in the advertising columns of the moral *Washington Post*:

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CLAIRVOYANTS

LICENSED BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mrs. SUIR holds seance Tuesdays, Fridays, 8:30; 25 cents; private readings by appointment. 1414 Quincy st. nw. Adams 6985-J.

MADAM CEOLA: LADY FROM INDIA

Since a child she has been gifted with strange and mysterious powers. She guarantees to bring about every desire and ambition of your entire life, tells past, present and future. Her race stands foremost in the world for clairvoyants and mediums. Do not pass the opportunity of your life, but call to see the lady who knows all, sees all and tells all. Satisfaction or no charge. Courteous treatment to all. 407 11th st. nw., opp. Star bldg.

MME. JEANETTE

Guarantees to read your entire life, past, present and future. She asks no questions, but will tell you what you want to know, giving names, dates and facts on business matters, love, health and family affairs.

Tells the name of who you will marry and when. If the one you love is true or false, what part of the country is luckiest for you and just what to do to be successful in life. Brings the separated together, removes troubles of all natures so you can win and hold the one you love. 1207 E st. nw.

PROF. BELMONT

1223 New York ave. nw., bet. 12th and 13th., NOTED CLAIRVOYANT AND PALMIST, can read your life by the lines in your

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palm, which are the record of your life. Being a graduate of two colleges of palmistry, his wonderful gift of second sight enables him to lift the veil of mystery and reveal to you important matters of your future life. Gives advice on business matters, love, health and family affairs. Tells the names of your future husband or wife; what part of the country is luckiest to you; what to do to be successful in life; removes troubles of all natures; brings the separated together; tells the secret of having personal influence with your associates. Prof. Belmont is a psychologist of world renown. Readings, \$1.

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The processes of justice in the late earthly habitat of the Archangel Bryan,¹ as described in an Aframerican journal:

Four colored people obtained berths in a Pullman car coming out of Palm Beach. Their tickets were secured by a white man. The conductor sees them. He telegraphs to a station, which the train is going to pass, to inform the officers of the law that niggers are on this train traveling first class. The dignity of the South is insulted. The sheriff calls on his deputies to avenge the sacred honor of their country. Anxiously they wait for the train to pull into their little town. Excitement runs riot. They are going to teach these niggers a lesson.

At four o'clock in the morning the officers of the law see the engine's headlight shining down the track. The whistle blows. Orders are given to stop. The brakes are hurriedly applied. Six men, brave and true, jump on the train to get four peacefully sleeping people. They are rudely awakened. The three women were not permitted to dress. One of them requested that she be given time to clothe herself. She was knocked down in the berth, snatched up, pushed out of the car and her clothing thrown out after her. Half naked they were carried to the jail. Southern gentlemen looked on and laughed.

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For twenty-nine long hours these unfortunate people were forced to remain in jail as a tribute to the glorious South. A mock trial is begun. The judge hears the testimony: "These niggers were riding on a Pullman in Florida, please your Honor." "You are fined \$1,000.00, and if you try to do it again you will be turned over to a mob and lynched." Thus ended the case.

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Labors of the 100% Americans in West Palm Beach, as reported by the Associated Press:

Klansmen hunted all night for Alice Rhineland² in St. Lucie county following a report that the mulatto bride of the wealthy young New Yorker, Leonard Kip Rhineland, was seen on the streets here. Klansmen strode into hotels at the height of the dinner hour and demanded to see the registers. When search of hotels proved unavailing, the hunt was extended to cottages and tourist homes along the Indian river.

3

Southern chivalry in Jacksonville, as described in an Associated Press dispatch:

Local police today were investigating the tarring and feathering of two young women by a mob of 150 men here Saturday night. The women were taken to a secluded spot, police said, where tar and feathers were applied, then brought back to the city and released on a downtown street clad only in gunny sacks.

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Advertisement in the Tallahassee *Daily Democrat*:

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GRAPES FOR SALE—One dollar a peck. None sold for wine-making. J. B. GAME. *Phone 416-L.*

5

Recreations of the rev. clergy at Palm Beach, as described by the learned *Post* of that charming Sodom:

The Rev. Felix J. Clarkson, of St. Ann's Catholic Church, and the Rev. L. M. Broyles, of the First Methodist Church of this city, made a decided hit with an impromptu song and dance before about 100 members of the West Palm Beach Rotary Club. . . . They, in company with E. J. Booth, confectioner, and A. L. Matthews, developer, sang one verse of "I'm a Little Prairie Flower, Growing Wilder Every Hour," and in conclusion executed a neat whirl.

6

Sign printed in big letters and conspicuously displayed in one of the cinema houses of Key West:

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOUR HANDS ARE
IN CASE THE LIGHTS SHOULD GO ON

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The perils of God's anointed in the Bible Belt,^a as depicted by the Rev. Dr. Arthur I. Brown, of the Bible Crusaders of America:

We have engaged a most enthusiastic colporteur who is one of the most energetic workers we have seen. In preparation for a meeting in a town about fifteen miles distant from Orlando, we sent him on ahead with a supply of *Crusader*

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Champions and chimpanzee placards. He was in the act of gathering a crowd on the street, when a citizen saw the picture of the ape-like ancestor on the card, and immediately jumped to the conclusion that the speaker was trying to prove some blood relationship with this animal. Quick as a flash, he leaped at our willing colporteur, aiming a well-directed blow to the point of the chin. He missed landing on the exact spot but, nevertheless, our man felt the impact of the fire-eating Creationist. It was some time before the tangle was straightened out, and the moral which our good man has learned is to make it plain at the outset of his remarks that he is "anti," and then keep himself at a safe distance from suspicious individuals!

8

Circular letter sent to visitors to Jacksonville by he-Christians ' of the town:

If *you* are spineless—"molly-coddled"—long-faced—pious geezer that would give anybody the "doldrums" and Sunday morning "Blues"—then this warm-blooded-heart-throbbing-sincere—"with-a-ring-of-cordiality"-message—wasn't intended for *you*.

But if *you* are the real-honest-to-goodness-red-blooded-virile "he-man" sort of a fellow, that we think *you* are—*you* are the one and only particular person—that we want this urgent-cogent-effulgent—and 100 per cent sincere and cordial invitation to reach.

Listen—Last Sunday *three hundred and forty-one* of the happiest—jolliest—finest—peppiest—worth-whilest — regular fellows—that ever rubbed shoulders with each other in Florida's Metropolis—had the most informal—joy-bringing—soul-

stirring—mind-illuminating—inspiring good time—at the Big Brotherhood Men's Class of the Riverside Presbyterian Church—of which that human-dynamo—that wonderful “go-getter”—remarkable personality—“Bob” McCaslin is teacher. We want *you* to come out and “mix-it” for an hour with *Five Hundred* other real men *next* Sunday morning at 9.30. Come and be *our guest*—Come and *sing* with us—Come and hear “Bob” give his never-to-be-forgotten talk, “The Face at the Window.” Come and visit a *real live-wire* men's class.

Yes—you are *right*—“There's a reason.” We are having a *red-hot* attendance contest between the Boosters led by Milton E. Bacon—and the Crusaders—led by *us*—*us winners*. The losers are to furnish *us* a Big Free Feed next week. We want *you* there too—Now Listen—“snap-out-of-it” *early* next Sunday—put a *Crusaders Tag* in your “button hole” and come out and help us make next Sunday a *real Red Letter Day*—for the Crusaders—for “Bob”—and for yourself.

Expecting you and all *your* Pals—neighbors and relatives—we are,

Crusadingly yours,

MARCUS C. FAGG, *Major*.

FRANK STEWART, *Captain*.

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How the youth of Atlanta are taught Christian principles, brought to light by a recent circular widely distributed throughout that great Christian metropolis:

LIPSTICKS AND LAP DOGS,

OR,

HAS A MAN THE RIGHT TO SPANK HIS WIFE?

Will be subject of

MORGAN BLAKE'S TALK

TO

AGOGA SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASS

78 Luckie Street

2

Fair notice to sweating Congressmen in the columns of the Athens *Banner-Herald*:

I am leaving tonight for Washington, where I hope to stir up something in regard to Cause and Cure of War via Constructive Toys, cradle rhythm with sense instead of nonsense of la Mother Goose. I believe the typewriter is the sine qua non tool in education. Dr. O'Shea thinks likewise and believes that a young child has greater advantages in life when taught how to use the typewriter at an early age. I am enclosing a picture of your humble servant and

three of her kiddies—one is the famous genius, Mary Elizabeth Steele, plays at seven as well as Hofmann played at ten—so say the critics.

Toy swords and pistols must go and our kiddies must be taught to be Busy Builders—a new organization that I have established in New York. All of the boys and girls (now over 10,000 in number) promise not to play with toy pistols but to adopt balls and typewriters as their toy friends.

They are my missionaries in trying to keep Mother Goose from the baby and instead of immoral Jingles such as "Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son" and "Taffy was a Welshman" they are teaching their baby sisters and brothers constructive Jingles.

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3

Cosmetic note from the eminent *Atlanta Constitution*:

The unusual number of extra pretty girls seen in Atlanta at this time has revived that old question of why Atlanta is specially favored in having so many pretty girls. . . . To the Pura Water Company much credit is due now, for never in the history of Atlanta have we had so many pretty girls and never has there been such a demand for Wauseka lithia water.

4

Contribution to scientific methodology by President John D. Mell, of the Georgia Baptist Convention, as reported by the *Savannah Press*:

If the Bible and the microscope do not agree, then the microscope is wrong. I will believe the Bible if it makes every laboratory in the land a liar.

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5

End products of Law Enforcement in rural Georgia, as reported by the *Atlanta Georgian*:

Representative Emmet Williams, of Walton county, chairman of the House of Representatives penitentiary committee, told of visiting one county camp where the method of punishment was excessively severe. The prisoner to be punished was backed up to a post, and his hands were chained behind it. His arms were then raised as high as possible, and hung by the chains on nails provided for the purpose. The prisoner was forced to stand for hours with his arms twisted backward high above his head. Mr. Williams said that nails several feet higher than the others were driven especially for two one-armed prisoners at the camp.

Another case was that in which the convict to be punished was confined in a shallow box just large enough to hold him. Molasses was poured over his exposed face, and he was fastened, powerless to brush away the flies which flocked to the feast.

6

Contribution to medical science by a reverend reader of the learned *Atlanta Constitution*:

I am a preacher from Caldwell, Idaho. I claim that the air from a hive of angry honey bees, when taken deeply and gently into the lungs of a consumptive in the daytime for 72 hours, will heal the case immediately. Anger the bees 12 times each day.

B. W. PRICE

7

Failure of a desperate attempt to save souls in Macon:

Because the First Baptist Church was not getting enough conversions in a revival being conducted by the pastor, Dr. William Russell Owen, the congregation started, an all-night prayer service at eight o'clock last night. The flock had dwindled to thirty-five at midnight and a few minutes later the service was declared at an end.

8

Terrific blast at the materialistic conception of life from Atlanta, capital of the Invisible Empire:

Playing a phonograph one hour a day in his cow barn increased the milk supply one quart a day for each cow, according to J. G. Sterchi. He has announced plans to install a pool and equip it with gold fish as a further measure to assure contented cows.

9

The rise of scientific business methods among Athens evangelists:

A novel method of checking up on collections has been developed by the Rev. Charles E. Neighbour, evangelist, who is conducting a series of religious services at a local church. Evangelist Neighbour has instructed all ushers who pass around the collection plate to whistle when anyone puts a greenback into the plate. The ushers have complied to the letter of the instructions and each night as the collection plate goes its rounds at the church where the revival is in progress a whistle is emitted by the usher when a greenback is espied.

10

Progress of lawlessness among the Oglethorpe county

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blackamoors, as reported in a dispatch from Lexington to the Atlanta prints:

Singlehanded, W. T. Patton, well known Oglethorpe county farmer, Monday afternoon held off a crowd of white citizens who demanded that he turn over to them Bob Waller and Julie Wise, two Negroes who earlier in the day *had prevented two white men from robbing them.*

II

Personal note from the eminent Valdosta *Times*:

This is to certify that I, Henry Rains, who was accused and arrested on a charge of selling poisoned whiskey to W. A. Curry, undertaker, was found not guilty, because it was only embalming fluid, which he asked me to bring him and not poisoned whiskey. I am making this statement to vindicate my name.

How the lovers of the drama in white, Protestant, 100% Atlanta received, "Simon Called Peter," as described by the moral *Georgian*:

The audience sat there all quivering for situations, and on every occasion—and there were many of them—when it seemed likely that the bounds of decency were to be overstepped, it noisily voiced its approval with certain intimate ejaculations, such as "Oh, boy!", to make it very plain that it understood the very minutest detail of what was going forward.

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Heart-breaking plea of a humanitarian in the Chicago *Tribune*:

Why must we boil the poor lobsters alive? Do you realize what an unimaginable agony is thus inflicted upon these poor dumb animals, which are absolutely innocent of any wrong, but who nevertheless give up their very life to satisfy your palate? If you must kill them, then would it not be infinitely more humane, and just as easy, to first kill them by a quick, sharp blow upon the head with a hammer immediately before boiling them and before they could possibly have time to spoil? Why not?

2

Beginnings of a new nuisance in Springfield, former home of Abraham Lincoln:

Preliminary to a national campaign against profanity, the Clean Language League of America has obtained a State charter here. T. H. Russell, head of the organization, said: "If we can't stop loose language by education, we'll do it by legislation."

3

Contribution to the sacred sciences in a recent Chicago dispatch:

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S. H. Tulchin, psychologist and assistant to Dr. Herman M. Adler at the State Institute for Juvenile Research here, declared that a girl baby develops a soul at 18 months and boys at 30 months.

4

Wholesome recreations of men of solid worth, as revealed by *Oak Leaves*, published in Oak Park:

Nearly seventy Rotarians motored from Oak Park to the Itasca County Club for luncheon. . . . They compared calves. They spilled water over one another. They shouted.

5

Contribution to veterinary science from the *Montgomery News*:

H. S. Butler and H. M. Dorsey drove to Macoupin county to the farm belonging to Mr. Dorsey and while they were there Mr. Butler saw a pig in a pen which was apparently very sick and about to die. Mr. Butler called the attention of the owner to the matter and while the three men were discussing what to do with the sick pig, a foreign-born neighbor came along and said:

"Cut off his tail and one ear and him get well."

The pig was apparently about to die, so the tail and one ear were cut off and within thirty minutes the animal had apparently fully recovered.

6

Proclamation of a cosmic event in the *Elmhurst Press*:

SH! SH! SH! ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL
OF A BABY

HE IS HERE!

HE IS HERE!

HE IS HERE!

The Greatest, Grandest, most Glitteringly Gorgeous Gift
of God!

A BABY!

Opens an unlimited engagement at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Harold J. Cruger.

Positively the first appearance in any crib.

Eight—count them—perfect pounds. You should see this
burly, bouncing boy. See him toy with his ten—count 'em—
ten tempting toes.

SEE HIM FEED!

The tidy, taut and typically trim trained nurse tips him
his boiled and brittle bottle in six superb exhibitions daily—
morning, matinée and evening.

If you want to see him present this coupon at the door two
weeks from today.

7

Profound comment upon civilization in Chicago, credited
to the late Victor F. Lawson, publisher of the *Daily
News*, by a contributor to the *Editor and Publisher*:

I regard the horoscope as the most valuable single feature
in my paper.

8

Specimen of scientific advertising in the *Chicago Tribune*:

When the baby cries, he is selling himself to his mother.
His lungs are the first equipment he learns to bring into play.
It is some time before he finds out that he may coo his
way toward what he wants. Cooing is a much subtler kind
of salesmanship and the baby may use it to keep himself
sold. But lusty howls are better.

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Salesmanship is a great art. It may be variously applied and it usually calls for a second party—a buyer. But one person can be both seller and buyer. You can sell an idea to yourself, for instance.

Try it. Try to sell yourself the idea of getting on in the world with a savings account as a start. . . .

Cry to yourself! Coo to yourself! Sell to yourself! We will be glad to help you deliver the goods.

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9

Discovery by the eminent chief editorial writer of the Chicago *Daily News*:

Flinging satire at the Rotarians, the Kiwanians and the so-called Babbitts¹ is one phase of the carefully planned Marxian war against the bourgeoisie.

10

Scientific notice printed on an envelope and passed through the United States mail:

GEO. E. WOLF

Cocktail Brand

Sauer Kraut² Juice

164 E. PEARSON STREET

CHICAGO

THE MASTER KEY to Health and Happiness

Purifies the Blood

Renovates the Intestinal Tract

Electrifies Humankind

Revivifies the Entire System

Energizes the Faculties

• —Join the SAUER KRAUT CLUB

11

From a bull issued by the secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Rock Island:

Kiwanis, with its principles and ideals, will live forever. This is not a threat, but a fact and blessing to mankind.

12

The Hon. Harry G. Samson, of the executive board of the National Selected Morticians,^s in plenary session at Chicago:

Undertaker is of doubtful origin. It has been replaced by *mortician* or *funeral director*. *Coffin* is an archaic word. *Casket* should always be used instead. There is no such thing as a *hearse* any more. It has been succeeded by *limousine funeral-car* or *casket-coach*. There was never any justification for the use of the word *parlor* for a mortician's establishment. *Mortuary* or *chapel* is the correct word. Morticians have banished *remains*. *Corpse* also is an undesirable word. *Body* or the name of the individual is correct. Professionally, morticians use *patient*. *Morgue* belongs to the age of coffins and hearses. The modern term is *preparation-room* or *operating-room*.

13

The process of Americanization before David, J., of the Chicago bench, as described by the distinguished *Abendpost*:

Solch schöne Vornamen wie Konstantinopolos, Kakalowitzski und Jazefizz haben wenig Aussicht, vor den Amerikanisierungsbestrebungen Richter Davids bestehen zu bleiben.

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Dies deutete er an, als gestern an die 200 Bewerber um das Bürgerrecht vor ihm erschienen und der diensttuende Schreiber die schier endlose Liste von Jazefizzen, Stanisläusen und Kakalowitschkis zu verlesen begann.

"Ich glaube," so sagte Richter David, "dass es erheblich leichter ist, ein guter amerikanischer Bürger zu werden, wenn man auch einen guten amerikanischen Vornamen besitzt."

Jazefizz Skawskonie, der in Begleitung seines bereits längere Zeit in Amerika weilenden Vaters erschienen war, zeigte sich damit einverstanden, das "Jazefizz" an den Nagel zu hängen und dafür den weniger an ein Antiprohibitionisgetrant erinnernden Namen "Joseph" zu adoptieren.

Als Richter David aber Anstalten machte, ihm auch noch "Coolidge" als Mittelnamen aufzuhängen, protestierte der ältere Skawskonie mit der Erklärung, er sei ein Demokrat und wunsche keinen "Coolidge" in der Familie zu haben.

14

Rousing literary note from a critical reader of the Chicago *Tribune*:

Michael Arlen . . . is greater than Shakespeare, greater than all—and the greatest goes unnoticed. Wake up, you would-be intellectuals, and strain your throats in demand for the genius of all the ages.

GLEN BALME.

15

Public notice in the *Gazette-Journal* of Mattoon:

Notice is hereby given that I, John V. Colbert, have been in the habit of making loose remarks about different re-

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spectable women over town and I hereby admit that I am a liar and the truth is not in me. I take this means of notifying the public of the type of man I am. I hope that this will in a measure right some of the terrible heart-aches my loose tongue has caused.

JOHN V. COLBERT

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News item in the learned *Frankfort Times*:

Complaints have been filed with the police department and local health authorities of people, during the recent hot spell, having stopped at the drinking fountains about the city and washing false teeth, and handkerchiefs and bathing their heads and faces.

2

Answers received in the fourth religious survey of Notre Dame University,¹ in answer to the question, "To how much sacrifice have you been led by your religious convictions?":

I have sacrificed life at a co-ed university.

I have given up cigarettes for the love of God.

I have given up one girl and several fellows.

I have sacrificed a non-Catholic school, many unlawful pleasures, and a great deal of sleep.

I have resisted the temptation to join the Junior Masons.

I have made myself a stranger at home.

I have given up a non-Catholic girl.

I gave up a non-Catholic girl, but I do not know whether it was a sacrifice or a pleasure.

I have given up a non-Catholic girl—and this very day I know that I love her.

3

Lesson in 100% Americanism, credited to Travis, C. J., of the Supreme Court of Indiana, by the learned Indianapolis *News*:

Young people, do not be led astray by the theory of voting for the man and not for the party. Vote the straight Republican ticket regardless of the qualifications of the candidate for office. If your parents told you, and you knew it to be true, that the mail carrier who delivers letters at your door was an immoral man, would that prevent you from accepting a letter from him? The same proposition holds in politics. Even though you know a man to be incompetent, even though you know him to be immoral, vote for him because he represents the Republican ticket.²

4

The luxurious finish of a Terre Haute Ptolemy:

A telephone and electric lights have been stored in the mausoleum in which the body of Martin A. Sheets, stock-broker, was entombed here. Sheets asked before his death that his tomb be so equipped that he might have opportunity to talk with the outside world if he should awaken in it.

5

Christian progress in the rising town of Palmyra, as reported by a press dispatch:

W. Clyde Martin, former athlete and former principal of the high-school here, will go to trial tomorrow before the Church of Christ³ on charges of heresy growing out of his introduction of athletics into the school and building at his

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own expense of a community house where he permitted dramatics and checker playing.

6

Associated Press dispatch from the town of Goshen:

A. E. Kundred, gladiolus grower of Goshen, has been banned from the strict orthodox church he attended. The church cast out Mr. Kundred because authorities decided that in hybridizing his gladioli to produce new varieties he was interfering with the divine scheme of things.

7

A challenge printed in a recent issue of the *Writer*:

In order to test my ability as a poet I am making a challenge to any publisher in the United States to submit a subject that I am unable to write a good lively poem about. By accepting this challenge publishers are not placing themselves under any obligations to accept any of my work. I expect to have these poems compiled and published in book form.

MARTHA ABSHIRE.

Roann, Indiana.

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1

From a public bull by the Rev. Dr. P. H. Martin of Davenport, as reported in the *Des Moines Register*:

God was the first advertising man. . . . He was the first publicity man.

2

New champion discovered in Des Moines:

Gene Mathews can spit farther than any other member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He won the standing broad spit at the picnic held by the organization at Grand View Park.

3

Passing of a Red Oak æsthete, as noted by the eminent *Des Moines Register*:

Miss Lillian Snygg, 20, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Snygg, is dead. She was a charter member of the Y. W. C. A. and was active in young people's work in the Presbyterian church. During her vacation last Summer she experimented in the art of making a string of beads from the vertebræ of a snake. She captured a large snake, boiled the flesh from the bones, put the bones through a process

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to brighten them, and strung the bones into an artistic string of beads.

4

Rise of a new moral crusade in the Bible Belt, as revealed by a dispatch from Des Moines:

The first broadside in a fight to banish the American apartment house was fired by John B. Hammond, formerly chief of police of this city, and a leading figure among reform forces of the State. He announced his intention to carry the fight to every legislature in the United States and to make of the system of multiple dwellings beneath one roof a moral issue comparable to that of Prohibition a decade ago. He declared that the apartment is a hotbed of immorality.

5

How the hotels of Omaha reward the heroes who saved the town from pillage and rapine by the Kaiser, as described by Comrade J. Elmer Disch, of Monahan Post of the American Legion, Sioux City, in the eminent *Iowa Legionaire*:

- What does "Welcome Buddy"¹ mean? Does it mean that when we are at a Legion convention that we Legionaires should pay more for everything so that the profits are about three times that of ordinary times? We were on the tenth floor, in a large room, which ordinarily rents for \$6.50 for two with bath. But when we Legionaires arrived they saw
- their chance to make a sm^l fortune and they put in from five to twelve cots in each room and charged \$3.50 per day for each person, or \$17.05 even though you did not stay there the whole five days. It is useless to say what the accommo-

dations were when crowded together that way. The above also applies to the eats at the various places. They all made the extra profits from us. For instance, when it costs two-bits² for a frankfurter³ sandwich and some coffee (?), I claim it is too much. It reminds one of the war-time days, when the man in uniform paid the extra price.

6

The New Jurisprudence in the cow country, as reported by the eminent Des Moines *Tribune-News*:

Denial of legal defense to persons accused of violating liquor laws was urged by the Iowa Anti-Saloon League at its officials' conference yesterday. The League contemplates appealing to lawyers to refuse to defend alleged violators after they are arrested.

7

Strange biological phenomenon in Sac City, brought to light by the *Sun* of that town:

Lottie P. Kruse asks for divorce from Frank A. Kruse on the ground of desertion. The couple were wedded at Boone, Iowa, December 8, 1923, and never lived together as husband and wife. The plaintiff asks also the custody of their child, Junior Francis Kruse, and alimony of \$50 a month.

8

Patriotic outburst of the Hon. O. S. Bailey, editor of the Waukon *Republican and Standard*.

One good Allamakee county farm girl who feeds the calves on her fingers every morning, slops the hogs, and cares for

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the chickens, then perhaps walks a mile or two and teaches county school all day until time to repeat the farm chores in the evening, has more purity of heart, loveliness of character and real honest-to-goodness Godliness and womanliness in her make-up than the whole "royal" caboodle of Europe.

9

The Hon. Effie Cherry, candidate for mayor of the cultured town of Cedar Rapids, on art and the future of America:

Do we want a generation of artists? . . . When I went to school we had none of these highfalutin ideas. We learned how to read, write and spell. There was no painting of pictures. And we got along just as well.

10

How a godly spirit is pumped up in Clinton, as revealed in the distinguished Marquoketa *Excelsior*:

Last Sunday was a gala day at the Christian Church, as there was an added attraction to offset the bad effects of the collection. The church seats 350 comfortably, and the new order of things was the announcement that the first 288 people to arrive at the evening services would each receive a loaf of bread.

11

Failure of the Americanization movement, as reported
* by the watchful *Iowa Legionaire*:

Some Iowa teachers are opposed to teaching "The Star-Spangled Banner," say that nationalism should never be

stressed and internationalism should be, do not believe in awarding prizes for essay contests on Americanism, and defy the State Americanization laws as far as they dare when they feel so disposed. . . . A certain minister of an Iowa church has been in this country thirty years without becoming a citizen, and says he never will be. . . .

12

Historical pronouncement credited to Dr. Edward A. Steiner, of Grinnell College:

The only true history book in the schools is the Bible.

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I

Prohibition news in the *Kansas State News*:

Colored corn ¹ is worth \$2.50 a pint, according to rumor.

Uncolored corn, distilled this month, is worth about \$1.50 a pint in Crawford county saloons, according to the dope.

Joplin alcohol, 188 proof, drained off the university animal specimens, will sell for \$25 per gallon. This represents a raise, but the demand has increased greatly due to the flavor of this high-proof grain alcohol.

White wine is worth 75 cents per quart. This is light wine sure enough. Red wine sells for what it will bring, not being greatly in demand because of the slow alcoholic effect.

Brown sugar whiskey is selling readily at \$6 per quart, being considered safe and free from fusel oil. It is a little hard to get because of the expenses in manufacture.

Kansas City imported stuff, labeled in Kansas City, and made in the hills of Missouri and Arkansas, brings \$10 per quart the first time but there are no second customers.

2

Advertisement in the *News* and *Times*, "The Official City Paper," published at Downs:

Every criminal, every gambler, every thug, every libertine, every girl-ruiner, every home-wrecker, every wife-beater,

every dope-peddler, every moonshiner, every crooked politician, every pagan papist priest, every shyster² lawyer, every K. of C., every white slaver, every brothel madam, every Roman-controlled newspaper, every hyphenated³ American, every lawless alien—is fighting the Klan. Think it over. Which side are you on?—*Adv.*

3

Progress of the New Morality on the steppes, as revealed by the enterprising Kinsley *Graphic*:

Boys are forbidden to play marbles in McPherson, because it teaches them gambling.

4

Sacred and profane notice from the eminent *Daily Reporter* of Independence:

TO THE LADIES OF INDEPENDENCE

We read in the scriptures that the great Apostle Paul labored with his own hands for his living, being not a charge on his congregation. I am endeavoring to do the same thing. You who have heard me preach know I stand strictly for the truth in all things. Hence when I labor six days per week in trying to get you to buy and try my O. K. Washing Powder from your groceryman, and when I tell you it will save you from one-third to one-half your soap bill and about one-half the powder you formerly used, I will also promise you by its use you save about one-half the labor. All I ask is a fair trial, and forever after become a staunch supporter, booster and customer for O. K. Washing Powder. Order from your groceryman today at 10 cents per pound in

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bulk and if he does not have it, he can get it from me promptly. Will you please favor me with your patronage? I preach at the tabernacle Sunday at 2:30 and 8 p. m. on Mill street. Please come.—DELMORE HAWKINS.

5

Contribution to the science of Law Enforcement by the Rev. George W. Durham, the gifted pastor of Quindaro Methodist Church at Kansas City, Kansas, as reported by the *Kansas City Journal*:

When anyone is held up he shall immediately telephone the details to a telephone operator. She will plug in every phone in the city and relate the details of the holdup. Near every telephone a shotgun is to be kept hanging on the wall. When the story of the holdup is spread through the 'phones every citizen will seize his shotgun and rush into the street. All whistles will blow and at this signal all traffic, including pedestrians, will halt. Anyone besides law officers who moves will be shot.

Dispatch from Kansas City, Kansas:

An old-fashioned spanking was the penalty imposed in Juvenile Court here yesterday on two 14-year old boys who had played hookey. Judge Harry Meade himself used the rod, which was a *Congressional Record* wrapped tightly in paper covering. "That's the first real use I ever found for a *Congressional Record*," the judge observed.

7

Revolt of an agronomist in the Total Immersion Belt:

Positively no more baptizing in my pasture. Twice in the last two months my gate has been left open by Christian people, and I can't afford to chase cattle all over the country just to save a few sinners.

8

Intellectual activities of the ladies of Cherokee, as reported by the *Sentinel* of that flourishing town:

The Culture Club of Monmouth met December sixteenth at the home of Mattie Boore, with Mayme Kennedy and Helen Calhoun assisting hostesses. Twenty-seven members were present and exchanged towels.

9

Gala event among the solid citizens of Pleasanton:

At the noon-day luncheon of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce R. S. Leavitt, who had just returned from Washington, made a report of his trip and the interesting features, among which was a visit to the White House, where he shook hands with the President. A motion was made and duly seconded that Mr. Leavitt stand at the door of the banquet room as the diners filed out and allow each to shake the hand that had grasped the hand of the President of the United States.

10

Thrilling experience of another Kansas worthy, as reported by the *Wichita Eagle*:*

It was the lot of Sidney D. Long, business manager of the *Eagle*, to get a full view of President Coolidge's special train

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en route to the Legion convention at Omaha, as he passed through St. Louis homeward bound from a business trip through the East, which included New York, Philadelphia and other cities.

"No," replied Mr. Long to a question, "I did not get to see the President, but I saw his train and it interested me, in common with everyone else who beheld it."

II

From resolutions adopted by the Lyon county W. C. T. U.:

Passages in Mother Goose which mention tobacco or alcoholic beverages should not be read by children, and songs which mention tobacco should not be tolerated at State music contests.

12

Obituary notice from the Wellington correspondent of the eminent Topeka *Daily Capital*:

Henry Cook, prominent farmer from near Mayfield, this county, who accidentally fell beneath a tractor last week, underwent an operation this week for the removal of the left leg, just below the hip. While he was coming out from under the influence of the anesthetics the amputated member was being prepared for burial. Relatives of the injured man were of the belief that should the leg not be properly prepared for burial, he would suffer from the amputation the remainder of his days; therefore a fine copper casket, 3 feet long, 14 inches wide and 10 inches deep, lined with silk and

having every appearance of a standard-size casket was prepared by a local tinner for the limb. After being deposited in the casket it was sealed airtight and will be properly disposed of by his relatives.

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Contribution to celestial pathology by the editor of the
Glasgow Republican:

The flu has become epidemical in Monroe county and is killing many people. What is the flu? This question is asked by thousands and echo brings back no satisfactory response. Many theories, but nobody knows. One school of scholars believes that it is the outgrowth of poisoned gases, turned loose in the World War, and that this gas dips, rises, and dips, tornado-like, through all space.

Science teaches that both air and water purify themselves through travel over and through space, it also teaches that either can be so heavily charged with poison that it takes much space to purify it. Can it be that the air is now so heavily charged with poisonous gases that it poisons and kills many before it has traveled sufficiently far in space to purify itself?

We who are students of Sacred History can plainly see the dawning of the complete fulfillment of the Scriptures. They teach that the world will be finally burned up. Already scientists claim that man has invented a device by which 94% of air is burned up by its use in driving cars. If this is true, then only 6% of gas is added to make 100% of the mixture. Then from analytical reasoning, we must conclude that it is possible and highly probable that at such time, as we know not, the air will become

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so heavily laden with poisonous and inflammable gases that are now being turned loose into space by the handiwork of man that, by electricity, it will be set on fire and sweep from the "face of the earth every living thing."

2

From the political advertising columns of the eminent Lebanon *Enterprise*:

I, Richard Yates, son of Joe Yates, am making the race for Jailer, and I pray all of you good men and women will go to the election and make one little cross mark for old Richard.

No man in the county needs the place as badly as I do. I am a poor man and haven't asked for any office. Those other fellows have an education and can get a good job.

I can't see you all. I have to work every day. I wish I could. Please go to talking for me, and vote for me and God will reward you. Charity is the best thing we can do.

I hope God will bless you all at the last hour.

- RICHARD YATES,
Candidate for Jailer.

3

Campaign circular of the Hon. George Bright, candidate for constable in Knox county:

George Bright has not been indicted for stealing chickens; he has not been indicted for typg his horse on the railroad track to obtain money under false pretense; he has not been indicted for being out with street or woods women; he has not been indicted for selling whiskey; he has never been in

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jail; nor has my father had to go crazy and to the asylum to keep me from the penitentiary.

I have never asked my opponent to join the K. K. K.¹ and help me run the Negroes out of their homes, so we could get us some homes give to us. I have never run around telling lies, and I have never stolen Mrs. Grindstaff's cow.

So men and women, don't vote for my opponent. He is not fit to be in jail, much less in office.

I am not like my opponent. I have a good character and every day I am the same man. So give me a vote. I am the people's friend.

GEORGE BRIGHT

4

The progress of medical science in the Blue Grass, as described by the *Mayfield Messenger*:

NOTICE—There is a man in the county jail who has successfully treated Cancer for the past twenty years. If you are afflicted with Cancer or any external growth it will pay you to drop in and see him at once, as he will be here only about sixty days. Come to the County jail and call for Dr. Douglas.

5

The Rev. D. W. Rideout, in the *Pentecostal Herald*, published at Asbury College:

Personally, I would as soon have a rattlesnake left at my door as to have the Sunday newspaper left there. . . .

6

Dedication of a work entitled "Evolution—A Menace," by the Rev. J. W. Porter of Springfield:

Dedicated to my beloved and womanly wife, on whose brow is stamped the likeness of Him in whose image she was created, and whose pure and noble blood is untainted by that of insect, reptile, fowl, or beast.

7

The New Jurisprudence in the feud² country:

Ward Lankford, a . . . mountaineer near Harland, has been sentenced to ten years in State's prison for stealing 50 cents from visitors in jail. . . . The same term was given to John Wyatt, convicted of murdering a woman.

8

Boy Scout activities in the Blue Grass, as described in a dispatch from Lexington:

Sheriff Fuller announced today that arrangements had been completed for the hanging of Ed Harris, a Negro, next Friday morning in the county jail-yard. The noose has been tied by T. C. Fuller, the sheriff's fourteen-year-old son, who learned knot and noose tying as a Boy Scout.

9

The Hon. Noel Gaines, of Frankfort, as reported by the Associated Press:

Professors who teach that the human *race* has monkeys with tails for ancestors should be hanged.

10

From a reader of the moral Louisville *Times*:

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Reading the *Times* I noticed on the front page a horse winning by the name Rock of Ages. We have a song in our church song books named "Rock of Ages." Rock meaning Christ. Of course you can't help for a man naming his horse by that name, but you could refuse to print names of horses that insult our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I ask you as a Christian to refuse hereafter to print such things in your paper.

HENRY VOGLESONG

II

Strange workings of the Holy Spirit in Louisville, as revealed by an Associated Press dispatch from that Christian town:

Harry J. Noe, of Washington township, was taken to the insane asylum Saturday after having shut two of his young children in an unheated stove Friday and waded into a nearby stream, praying for the second coming of Christ. The children were rescued by neighbors. Noe was declared to be of unsound mind as a result of excessive Bible reading.

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Business advertisements in the *Shreveport Times*:

KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY
W. S. DENNIS
REALTOR ¹
Levy Building
Shreveport, La.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY
Bank With Us Other Days
THE COMMERCIAL
NATIONAL BANK
BANK OF PERSONAL SERVICE

WE TRULY BELIEVE THE CHURCH IS GOOD
FOR THE MASSES
THE W. K. HENDERSON
IRON WORKS & SUPPLY CO.

2

Triumph of Fundamentalism ² in the swamps along the Mississippi, as reported from New Orleans:

Louisiana planters, facing another year of drought, have decided to rely once more upon the prayers of Christians

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and the nocturnal rites of voodoo doctors to bring rain, rather than spend their shrinking funds buying showers from Charles Hatfield, rain maker of the Imperial Valley of California.

3

A press dispatch from Shreveport:

Details of a flogging in which John Barker, 60 years old, of Cedar Grove, was the victim were made public today at the office of Sheriff Hughes. . . . Disapproval of the style of dress worn by Barker's 15-year-old daughter, Jewel, is said to have been the motive for the attack upon Barker, who was brutally beaten with a leather strap. The Barker girl had been wearing bloomers while riding a bicycle.

4

Moral dictum of the Rev. H. J. McCool, pastor of the Istrouma Baptist Church, in the up-and-coming town of Baton Rouge:

I am not against bathing. I believe that we should at least take a bath once a month. But . . . I am coming to believe that mixed bathing is one of our future problems. . . . I doubt seriously if we can retain virtuous thoughts when the whole community is in bathing together.

5

Want ad^s in the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*:

ROOM and board desired, in a Catholic family preferably. Room must be quiet. Acoustics such that noise is not easily heard. A bed without a spring, a writing table with chair

to fit absolutely compulsory. Room must not be situated next to men or next to married couple. Upper story room in the rear preferable. Parties must be absolutely respectable. Meals must be good. A lock and key on the door or doors absolutely essential. Room should not be on or near car track. Situated in vicinity of Loyola University. References required. State price. No white shades and no white chairs and table or white painted walls. Green window shade on window. If these requirements cannot be fulfilled please do not answer.—P—372. T.-P.

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I

Intellectual recreations of the stalwart Americans of this proud State, as disclosed by the *Lewiston Daily Sun*:

Saturday night between 7 and 7:30 o'clock a hungry rooster is to be busily engaged eating grain in the Androscoggin Electric Company's window on Main street. To the person guessing nearest the number of grains said rooster will eat in the half hour John J. Sullivan, manager of the Pageant of Progress, to be held at the Armory, will give a valuable prize.

2

Reassuring news for visitors to Maine from the *Lubec Herald*:

Nothing short of an army and navy acting in conjunction can cut off the supply.¹

3

Associated Press dispatch from Caribou:

Three men appeared in court here today, charged with flying an airplane on Sunday.

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Associated Press dispatch from Biddeford:

While local friends were starting a movement to secure

a hero medal for Joseph Labbe, the coast guardsman who walked twelve hours barefooted in a blizzard to save the crew of the wrecked *C-126* off Narragansett Pier, he was being arraigned before the police court here on a charge of bootlegging. The bootlegging charge was made last Fall as the result of a spotter's work. Labbe was then out of work, and turned to that trade to earn an honest dollar.

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I

New world's champion discovered in Baltimore by the eminent *Evening Sunpaper*:

Mrs. Eugene Cordell represented the Gold Star Mothers² at the funeral services. Today's, she said, was the 253rd such ceremony she has attended.

2

Contribution to medical science from a reader of the same great journal:

My mother was sick four years with the dropsy. She was tapped three times and the doctors took sixteen gallons of water from her. Then she died at the age of 40 years. I am now 74 years old. When I was at the age of 40 I had the dropsy. The doctor attended me eight weeks and then he told me he could not do anything more for me; that my mother had dropsy and I had taken it from her. The more medicine I took the worse I got. I had a wife and six small children and I did not want to die and leave my family. I took all the dropsy cures I knew of; none did any good. At last I found the only remedy that will cure dropsy.

I took a pint of common table salt and put it in the bathtub with about six gallons of warm water; kept all my underclothing on; got in the tub and soaked them good with the

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salt water and then went to bed and slept soundly. The next morning when I got out of bed the dropsy and swelling were all gone. That was thirty-four years ago and I have never had any return of the dropsy.

WESLEY F. BANKARD.

3

Announcement of a new sorcery in the New Thought journals:

THE SOLVENT POWER OF LOVE

is mighty. Just as heat changes a solid to a liquid and then to a gas, so love, its spiritual correspondent, is the only force that can fuse and refine the hard conditions of life. Join the *Universal Love League*, and make practical use of this mighty force. I show you how. Particulars for stamp.

MATTHEWS DAWSON

3253 Western Avenue

Chevy Chase, Md.

4

The progress of Law Enforcement in the Free State, as reported by the industrious police-court reporter of the Catonsville *Argus*:

A. G. Ayoub: \$5 and costs for peddling without a license and \$20 and costs for slurring³ the United States.

5

From a go-getting⁴ booklet issued by the Baltimore Association of Commerce:

It is wonderful to see a man enthuse.⁵ It is more won-

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ful still to see a city of 796,000 persons enthuse. . . . Baltimoreans should all enthuse.

6

From a mellow editorial in the eminent *Baltimore News*:

There is no greater source of wisdom than the Bible. Everything worth while that has ever been said is said therein.

7

Dithyrambs from the obituary column of the eminent *Baltimore Sunpaper*:

Weep not for me, dear mother,
Because I died so young.
The fewer the years the fewer the sins,
Our Lord's will must be done.

8

Effects of female emancipation in Salisbury, as revealed by the correspondent there of the *Baltimore Post*:

An unidentified man is in a critical condition in a hospital here, suffering from painful injuries said to have been inflicted by three girls in a wood near Hurlock. The man was walking from Hurlock to Federalsburg when the girls, in an auto, offered to give him a lift. He accepted. After riding a short distance the girls stopped the car on a lonely road, he said. During a petting party^a which followed, he said, one of the girls became enraged at his lack of ardor. A scuffle ensued. While two held him the third stabbed him with a hatpin. The girls fled, leaving the man helpless on

the ground. A passing motorist brought him to the hospital here. The girls are said to have been about 18, but have not been identified.

9

From a Christian reader of the celebrated Baltimore *Sunpaper*:

A lady friend of mine and I went to the Auditorium Theatre to see "What Price Glory." . . . What a shameful performance! To think that our generals and Y. M. C. A. directors permitted our soldiers while overseas to use vile oaths and consume strong drinks. Isn't this a reflection on all of us who were back home? Surely the Lord must have been displeased with our boys' conduct. No wonder so many of them were killed and injured. Our generals should have given them a good Christian training before sending them to the trenches. In the play I heard actually terrible oaths by a soldier who was severely wounded. If this young man had died, think of the eternal punishment that would have been his. It seems to me that our generals thought too much of rifles and bayonets instead of religion and sobriety. How can we win our future wars and destroy our enemies if our soldiers forget Christ?

(MISS) MARY MILLS

Govans, Md.

10

The fashionable life in Free State finishing-schools, as described by a gasping reporter for the eminent Baltimore *Evening Sun*:

Hints of the exclusiveness of St. Timothy's School, Catonsville, were contained in a story which was current in Balti-

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more some years ago. At that time it was reported that \$10,000 in bills, which had been sent to a pupil by her father in New York for pin money, had been lost.

II

From the advertising columns of the Cumberland *Daily News*:

\$1	DOLLAR DAY AT	\$1
	THE COURT HOUSE	

In keeping with the Dollar Day Community
Event Here

LLOYD L. SHAFFER

Clerk of the Court

—Announces That—

All persons from Allegany County applying for

MARRIAGE LICENSES TODAY

WILL PAY ONE DOLLAR ONLY

Reduced from \$2.00—Today, to Allegany
County Couples, \$1.00

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Extension of the boons of the New Thought¹ to the Equidæ, as reported by the celebrated *Nautilus* of Holyoke:

Last year a dear friend and neighbor was fast losing a fine and valuable mare from blood poisoning. The year before she had cut a leg badly in a wire fence and it had never healed. Instead it grew worse until from her knee to her hoof was one awful sore as large around as man's head and covered over with a thick, ugly scab. The owner was a real lover of animals and had done all that could be done in a medical way, until at last it ran into blood poisoning and her entire body was swollen, and she was in great pain, her flesh constantly jerking and quivering.

They came to me for treatment only after all else had failed and her owner knew the end was near. I gave the horse the love treatment and the swelling was soon all gone. I used this statement in giving the treatment: "You are God's creature. You are bathed in His pure love. God breathes into your nostrils the pure clean breath of life and this life and love flows freely through you now, filling every cell, tissue and nerve, cleansing, purifying and healing you now. Your blood is clean and rich and pure. It flows freely through every vein in your body, cleansing and purifying every organ as it goes."

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2

Socio-pathological note from the first page of the virtuous Boston *Herald*:

More than 150 of the 300 delegates to the annual convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Girls' Clubs became sick during the night, following a banquet at Point Breeze, Webster Lake. All six doctors and all the nurses in Webster were in service all night. . . . The medicines dispensed included four pounds of Epsom salts and two quarts of castor oil.

3

Proud confession of Miss Phoebe Brune, a distinguished terpsichorean artiste recently performing in Boston with a "Rose Marie" company, as set forth in the *Herald*:

I started my career in Shakespearean repertoire. . . . Having higher aims, I decided to be a dancer.

4

Effects of sheik movies² upon the young men of Lawrence, as reported by the *Telegram* of that great city:

A young man last Wednesday evening was saying good-bye to a young lady, seeing through the corner of his eye that the trolley car³ he intended to board was waiting on the other side of the street. Without looking to either side of him, he backed off the curbing at which he was making his somewhat drawn out farewell, closely escaping being struck by an auto, and glancing over his shoulder at the young lady he was leaving, ran up the track towards the car, which unknown to him had started in his direction.

Happily the motorman's attention was not arrested elsewhere, and the car was stopped within an inch of running the young man down. No thanks to his female affinity who kept his gaze, he was saved in the nick of time.

5

Final explosion of the famous Puritan love of human liberty:

A PROCLAMATION AND DECREE

TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

Whereas, the British Empire has been the greatest robber nation of modern times, and *Whereas*, owing to the world war it has become bankrupt, and cannot any longer be bolstered up by American criminals with money stolen from the American people, and *Whereas*, the government refused to protect me in my legal rights against criminal officials of the United States government, and *Whereas*, its principal function is to rob the people of the colonies without protection; *Therefore*, I hereby proclaim to the world the fall of the British Empire.

All her self governing colonies are hereby declared to be Free and Independent Republics, without control by nor tribute to the government of England. . . .

Done in the City of Boston, United States of America, in the year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

LEWIS LEVI JOHNSON MARSHALL
ABSOLUTE RULER OF THE ENTIRE WORLD

6

How Boston is regaining her old reputation as the cul-

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tural center of America, as revealed by a United Press dispatch:

A college course for washerwomen, designed to do away with all knuckle-scraping rubbing over wash tubs, is being organized by the State university extension division here.

7

From a reader of the *Christian Science Sentinel*:⁴

A few years ago my little dog apparently drank a solution of caustic potash. He was found some days later, and upon an examination it was found that his tongue had entirely gone, and death seemed inevitable. My husband insisted that I should have the dog chloroformed, saying it would be kindness to the little creature. I remembered the words, "Trust God more." Through absolute faith in God, I refused to permit the dog's life to be taken. Three times each day I bathed the dog's mouth with water, poured milk and oatmeal down his throat, repeated aloud to him "the scientific statement of being" from page 468 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, placed him tenderly on his bed, and left him in God's care without a bit of doubt. This treatment continued. During the time I was repeatedly told that I would fail, that I would realize I had insufficient understanding to demonstrate over such an extreme condition. Each time I realized God's power as being sufficient, provided I should not waver in faith, and that as Christian Science is the understanding of God, it could not fail. After a battle of several months, the dog's tongue grew again, and he barked, lapped his milk, and was completely restored to perfect health.

(MRS.) S. GERTRUDE EYLES

8

The rise of a new æstheticism in the late cultural center of the Republic:

The Argonaut Club, . . . said to be one of Boston's most exclusive night clubs, . . . is to be confined solely to those whose names are in the Social Register,⁸ or prominent in the business and professional world. . . . Oriental rugs, antique brass and china imported from Holland are to figure in the decorations. And to make the effect more realistic, around the walls are suspended strings of Spanish garlic and dried peppers. A novel scheme of shielding the lights will be put in vogue. Antique pails, clothes baskets and old brass are to be used as shields, but the lights suspended over the middle of the dance floor take the big prize, for the subdued rays will peek their way through empty whiskey bottles and demijohns, arranged in a cluster from the ceiling. Religious statues, presumably to carry out the Spanish mission effect, are also generously used in the decorative scheme. In the ladies' retiring room, as a background, a life-size statue of the Virgin Mary has been placed in an alcove.

9

Another cultural note from Boston:

Miniature chewing-gum slot-machines have been installed in the Boston Elevated street cars on the Allston-Brighton line, and passengers may now secure their day's supply of gum by reaching above the seat, inserting their pennies in the slot and pushing the lever.

10

Advertisement in the *Lynn Item*:

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Offered by the Irish A. B. C.

*Martin H. Glynn Said: "Study the Bible; It Is a
University of Knowledge."*

Questions asked of the Irish A. B. C.:

Is it necessary to go and confess our sins to a clergyman, and do penance today in order to obtain salvation?

Not at all: 3000 persons, on the day of Pentecost, desired to obtain salvation, and they "said unto Saint Peter and the rest of the apostles: Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Here is the answer that Saint Peter gave them, and this answer is also addressed to all those who seek salvation:

Jesus Christ said: "Search the Scriptures."

Here they are.

See Acts, 2d chapter. The disciples received the Holy Ghost. Peter's sermon to the people. *The piety of the first converts.*

1—And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place.

2—And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3—And there appeared to them parted tongues, as it were, of fire, and it sat upon every one of them.

John F. Moriarty, Grandson of Myles McSweeney and Founder of the Irish-American Bible Companions, 1 Pearl Street, Lynn, Mass. To Christians and *Bible* Christians

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II

Christian advice to the corrupt youth of Boston, from the Rev. J. C. Massee, D.D., of the Tremont Temple Baptist Church:

Petting⁶ is adultery. Petting is a social device of the devil for turning the body into a brothel for the excitation and indulgence of sensual emotions, and the revelling in mental enjoyment of the physical indulgence of unholy desire. You cannot be a Christian and pet.

12

Two public notices in the *Havethill Gazette*:

My wife, Madeline G. Leach, having left my bed and board without just cause, I hereby warn all persons against harboring or trusting her on my account as I shall not be

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responsible for any bills contracted by her on and after this date.

(Signed) ELMER R. LEACH
Haverhill, Mass.

This notice is to correct the statements made by my husband, Elmer R. Leach. I have not left his bed and board, but am still living with him, and shall continue to do so unless his conduct becomes more unbearable.

MADELINE G. LEACH

13

Associated Press dispatch from the great city of Boston:

Methods of the bootleggers' union in Chelsea were described in Federal Court today in the trial of nine persons for liquor law violations. William Hoffenberg, one of three men indicted who pleaded guilty, said members were fined \$50 if caught selling liquor under the union price of \$3.50 a gallon. He testified that such a fine was imposed upon him after other members of the union had held a regular trial and found him guilty of selling a gallon for \$3.25.

14

Good works of the State Bible Society, as revealed in the *Actors' Equity Bulletin*:

At the solicitation of Ruth Lee Caulfield of the chorus of "Rose Marie" in Boston, the Massachusetts Bible Society placed Bibles in the dressing room used by the members of that company.

15

Why Boston is the dramatic capital of the Republic, as revealed in the cultured Boston *Herald*:

"What Price Glory?" will open at the Wilbur Theatre without a line of the profanity which lent much of the realism to its war-time scenes. The management agreed to the elimination of the strong language after an ultimatum by Mayor Curley that the play could not be produced here if the marines did not speak in the stage trenches as they would before their mothers and sisters. The mayor . . . was moved to remark, however, that the play was not as bad as Walt Whitman's poems. This comment was occasioned by his having found on his living room table yesterday morning a copy of Whitman which he had hidden behind the books in a bookcase. He brought the book in to City Hall to destroy it for his family's protection, but on hearing a prominent city official remark that he was curious to read it the mayor gave him the volume.

16

Contribution to the history of the Great War, by the Rev. Dr. Daniel Lash Marsh, president of Boston University:

It was the spirit of Service which raised the war to a glorious plane and resulted in the victory of the Allies.

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Advertisement in the distinguished Detroit *Free Press*:

UP FROM ART

The man was an artist in commercial work. This work called for an insight into the future, and, studying the future, he naturally became interested in real estate. . . . He is with us now. Still a high grade artist capable of great success in that field, but a more successful real estate man. No matter what your regular line, there is real success here for you if you are a quality man. Come and see us.

THE STORMFELTZ-LOVELEY CO.

Washington Blvd. Bldg.

Corner State St.

Third Floor

2

Remarks credited to the Rev. Dr. James Thomas, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Detroit:

The Man of Galilee should be pictured as a cowboy, ruddy of face, and with a hand like a Swift premium ham¹ rather than with feminine features, as some artists have painted Him.

3

The Rev. Russell H. Brady, of Port Huron, as reported in the *Times-Herald*:

Bryan . . . reminded me of Jesus Christ.

4

Progress of feminism, as revealed in the advertising columns of the distinguished *Detroit News*:

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by Mr. George F. Mann. Mrs. George F. Mann, 2612 St. Clair ave.

5

News of the progress of freedom in the Republic, gathered from the *Daily News Record* of Lansing:

The Anderson Bill, providing that hotel bed sheets shall be at least 99 inches long and prohibiting the use of quilts or comforts by any establishment serving transient guests has been passed by the House 63 to 21. . . . The bill also provides that pillow slips and both top and under sheets shall be provided and makes stipulations in regard to laundering and the general . . . condition of bed linen in hostleries.

6

Booster² item from Detroit, given out by the Hon. A. B. Stroup, former deputy administrator in charge of the Federal Prohibition force there:

Detroit is the wettest city I have ever been assigned to. . . .

7

News item from Grand Rapids:

The county finance committee¹ denied Deputy Sheriff James Mol's request for the purchase of a set of false teeth for him out of the county's funds. Last Spring he was poisoned

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while aiding in the destruction of a large quantity of moonshine and mash seized in a raid. He spent several months in a hospital. Yesterday he appeared before the committee and explained that the poison had so loosened his teeth that they must be extracted and contended that the county, which met his hospital bill, should pay for false teeth.

8

Americanization news from Detroit:

Imbued with the spirit of Americanism, Apostoulus Stavorn Xenacoudis, 37 years old, a cook of 1842 West High Street, asked and won permission to change his name after obtaining naturalization in Judge Charles C. Simons' court. His new name is Charles Xnaks.

9

Religio-sociological note from an eminent divine of Owosso:

One reason for the ungodliness in this county of 35,000 souls is the high cost of automobiles, the Rev. E. E. Robinson informed the Kiwanis Club. "Shiawassee county people spent \$83.64 apiece for the purchase and upkeep of automobiles," the Rev. Mr. Robinson said, "and only \$1.30 each for religious work."

10

Proof of the extension of modern ideas to the Michigan hinterland, from the distinguished Marlette *Leader*:

FOR SALE.—Baby carriage, in good condition. Don't believe will need it again. N. F. Smith.

11

From a public bull by the Rev. Herbert A. Jump, pastor of the Congregational Church, of Ann Arbor, as set forth in the *Detroit Free Press*:

If you want to know whether you are an American of the old school, the sort that made this Republic great, test yourself out by the poetry of Eddie Guest.^a Eddie Guest furnishes the poetic mirror of the best and cleanest and deepest and most wholesome things in American life today.

12

Public notice in the *Arcadia Argus*:

Some one took my wife from my home on Saturday evening, and I don't know where she is, therefore, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her. Two dollars reward for information as to her whereabouts.

JOHN SMITH,
Pleasanton

13

Results of Law Enforcement in Detroit, as reported, via the Associated Press, by Frank H. Croul, commissioner of police there:

There are 16,000 blind pigs⁴ in Detroit. . . . Before Prohibition there were 1,300 licensed saloons.

14

How souls are saved in Kalamazoo, as disclosed by an advertisement in the celebrated *Gazette*:

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SOAP AND SALVATION FREE

14TH JOYOUS GIFT NIGHT

*10 CENT SIZE "IDEAL" TOILET SOAP FREE TO
EVERY LADY

LIVELY RE-JOY-SING AT 7 SHARP

Gospel Sermon Subject:

"THE MUDDY LIVES OF AMERICAN MEN"

The old sweet song

"WHITER THAN SNOW"

sung by Mr. Klump

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Handed to you by smiling young ladies in the lower lobby,
on your way out.

15

The progress of the Higher Learning, as revealed by
an official pronunciamento of Michigan State College:

A. C. Burnham, Professor of Life Planning

16

Literary obiter dicta by four judges of the Circuit Court
of Detroit:

Codd, J.: Eddie Guest's⁶ writings and personality simply
radiate helpfulness. A fine, lovable character, exemplifying
his own works.

Murphy, J.: What a mission and what a power to bring
daily to millions of folk a song of solace, a lyric of laughter,
a canticle of inspiration. It is meet that he, the humble, be
exalted.

Hunt, J.: In "Just Folks" Eddie Guest interprets to themselves the plain people, whom Lincoln said God must love since He made so many of them.

Webster, J.: Eddie Guest's poems strike a responsive chord in the heart of the average person because they deal with the ordinary incidents of actual life.

17

Concurring opinion by the Hon. James Couzens,^o Senator from Michigan:

In such a materialistic period as we now live in, it is most refreshing to have such a soul as Mr. Guest possesses. It shakes off the shackles of materialism.

18

Circular sent to the members of the class of 1916, School of Law, University of Michigan:

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F. F. McKinney

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I

Contribution to the vocabulary of music criticism by the talented critic of the *Tyler Journal*:

Miss Smith's harp solos were also most endeavoring. . . .

2

How the morals of the students of Virginia Junior College are safeguarded, as set forth in a current press dispatch:

Tom Riddell . . . was expelled by Director E. H. Bosshardt for . . . not omitting a certain line in the annual class play, "You and I." Riddell . . . was asked by his stage father how he felt. The manuscript called for "Like holy hell" for an answer and Riddell . . . followed the manuscript.

3

Literary announcement from Minneapolis:

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4

Advance notice from a distinguished Biblical scholar in the *St. Paul Daily News*:

Jesus will come April 10, 1927, exactly at sunset.

UBERT A. WALLRAFF.

5

From the *St. Paul Dispatch*:

Commissioner John H. McDonald was host to a dozen men, including members of the City Council, engineers and city officials, at a dinner at noon today in the completed portion of the Belt Line sewer at a point just north of Still-water avenue.

6

Miracle in Rochester, as reported by the *Post-Bulletin* of that town;

The Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Oliphant will return from Frankfort, Ind., on Wednesday, after attending the funeral of the former.

7

News item in the *Dover Independent*:

C. F. Cady has returned from where he has been for some time.

8

Law Enforcement note from the eminent *Winona Republican-Herald*:

A striking testimonial to the power of prayer was given by Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, national vice-president of the W. C. T. U.,¹ in speaking at the afternoon session of the State Institute here Wednesday. Mrs. Smith said that while attending the trial of fifteen bootleggers at Des Moines she prayed constantly, saying, "Please, Lord; please, Lord," whenever a vital ruling concerning the admission of testimony for the State was to be made by the Judge. "The Judge made his ruling in favor of the prosecution," she announced, "and the bootleggers were all found guilty and sent to prison."

9

Editorial amenities along the Rum river, as revealed by a front page leader in the esteemed *Osseo Press*:

J. T. G. Roe, editor of the *Anoka Beacon*, should be lynched, parboiled, vitriolized, quartered and his remains hung on a fence to dry. In flaming headlines he accuses

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us of attempted suicide in his last issue of his 2x4 measly, mangy sheet.

This long, lean, lanky, lantern-jawed, lop-eared, lop-sided, long-faced, hollow-eyed, pot-bellied, carping, whimpering wampus, this cross between a jelly-fish and a cur will answer to us, not in a libel suit, but personally.

We admit that we were ill last Wednesday evening. But to accuse us of self-destruction could only originate in the mind of an imbecile.

We have always safeguarded our health. It has been our custom after a hard day's work to step to the kitchen cabinet and take a tonic before retiring and upon arising in the morning.

We were about to retire and from custom reached into the cabinet and took a large, healthy swig and after quite a draught we noticed that the taste was off. Our better half had been housecleaning and accidentally placed a bottle of O'Cedar² in the cabinet. This is what we got hold of, but we wish to say that we were only slightly indisposed for a short interval.

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Dithyrambs by the leading lady Christian poet of Southern Minnesota, distributed by the Olmstead County W. C. T. U.:³

To you, Mr. Bootlegger, now I will write,
How I wish that instead of being black, you were white.
You who were made in the image of God.
Were never meant to grovel and creep like a worm in the
sod.

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If you do not stop, if you don't repent,
Up to the City Jail you'll surely be sent.
No longer you can buy judge and jury with money.
Or with flattering words, meant to be sweet as honey.

Have you no regard for your fellowman
Why don't you burn up your vile mash, still and pan?
If you still keep on the fill your greedy big maw,
You must surely feel the strong arm of the law.

The stuff that you make is full of poison and flies,
Also contains some rats, bats and some mice
Perhaps for good flavor, some bugs in disguise
Beware folks, before using it, don't think once, but twice.

The vile concoctions that now you do sell,
Are not even fit to put out the fires of hell
Instead of putting them out, you start them, you do,
What can ever be done with a rascal like you?

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Announcement of a fair sorceress of the Pearl river country, lifted from the *Journal of the American Medical Association*:

DEAR SIR: I am a Dr. of rheumatism; and I can cure this disease; I call my self a magnetic, while by other Dr's I have been called the miracle woman; & by some a divine healer. I will say I am a natural born treater; my father was also like me, also my mother, and my ancestors on both sides back almost 150 years. I am the 7th birth of the family; my father the 7th my mother the 7th so you can see that I have a natural gift in this work, I can rub and take away all pains, no matter how long standing, if the parties have had them for 40 years. I am sending you and advertising sheet which i hand out when traveling, so you can see my line of work. I sur can cure the diseases printed on this sheet I not only say this but am actually making such cures over different parts of the state. I have taken people out of bed where the best medical Dr's of the state have given up and said there were no hope of recovery. My work has been tested through the courts in this country and the head Dr's at Jackson had to acknowledge through their attorneys that they could not do the things, that I were doing I have a lineament that has the worlds record, also a salve that leads the work in the cure of all kind of old sores I had a man to come

to me a few days ago and insisted on me putting my medicines in the laboratory at Washington. My whole souls desire is to cure the suffering people, of the world; but not being able financially I am not able to extend my work very far. I hunger to relieve suffering humanity; while God has given me this gift; I feel it my duty to do his bidding, now I ask the government to help me that I may extend my great work throughout this country, for the sake of suffering humanity.

My lineament when applied on the body goes direct to the bone, it has been tested in Jackson with the ex-ray, and received congrat-ulations as having the worl's record in lineament; I also have a rose cansor receipt for which rose cansors, can be burnt out an cured. This also came from my forefathers; but I do not try to use this, I would sell this.

I was asked to write you, concerning this business; so will only await an early reply, hoping that this letter may meet with an early reply and that i may be of service to the Gouverment.

Yours sincerely

MRS F. V. HAWKINS
Pelahatchie, Miss.

2

Patriotic activities of the American Legion boys of Natchez:

A yelling contest, the latest arranged feature of the American Legion's convention here, is looming with a threat to eclipse all other numbers of the big program. . . . After the trials are held, Frank Eidt, chief judge, will present a handsome medal now being prepared at M. P. Phelan's jewelry establishment to the contestant making the loudest yell.

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3

Extracts from a letter from the Hon. Alfred Hume, B.E., C.E., D.Sc., fellow A.A.A.S., chancellor of the University of Mississippi, to the Hon. Henry Lewis Whitfield, B.A., Kappa Alpha, Governor of that proud and imperial State:

A university is very different from a high-school. . . . If manned by men who are not intellectually free, I, for one, would prefer that a child of mine should never enter its doors. It would be a curse rather than a blessing. Where men are not free to think and to learn there is stagnation and death. . . .

Fundamentally and historically, the University of Mississippi is essentially a Christian institution, shot through and through with the spirit and teachings of our Lord. The deepest conviction of my own soul is that nothing save that which is Christian is permanently enduring and worthwhile. It goes without saying that anything tending toward atheistic teaching will never be tolerated by me for I believe that the Bible is fundamental in our civilization and that Christian principles furnish the only ultimate solution of the world's problems.

4

Christian want ad in the Biloxi *Herald*:

EVANGELIST wants location. Who will write me of a good location for a real estate office where I can locate a large number of thousands of friends whom I have evangelized? Shall bring with me an educated young man singer. We will sell property with the same Christianity we do Bibles on commission and preach to neglected places on Sun-

days. I seldom ever failed to have great evangelistic meetings, but demands for that work have grown cold. We shall locate in South Mississippi or in Florida, wherever is the best opening. Please address REV. W. D. BASS, Corinth, Miss.

5

How the soul of a late martyr is marching on:

Plans have been practically completed for the launching of a new secret order in Mississippi to be known as American Crusaders, which will have for its purpose the combating of the evolution theory in American schools and colleges. The Rev. A. R. Adams, of Hattiesburg, will be commander of the new order, which will also advocate the reading of the Bible in the public schools, and the increase of attendance in the Protestant churches.

6

Moral advertisement in the *North Mississippi Herald*, published at Water Valley:

WARNING

AUTOMOBILE PETTING PARTIES¹ MUST CEASE

Automobiles containing men and women, boys and girls, and parking on side streets, by-roads, dark roads, etc., both in the city and surrounding country, where petting parties and other obnoxious conduct are indulged in by the occupants, must cease.

Parents are warned that th~~ey~~^{ir} girls are in grave danger—and unless something is done to stop this thing, disgrace and shame will be the result.

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All "petting parties" are hereby warned that such practice must cease in this section—heed this warning before strenuous action is taken.

We mean this thing must stop

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Sinister notice in the *Meridian Evening Star*:

JUST GIVING YOU A CHANCE

There is a certain woman living on Tenth street, who has a hard-working, good husband. This woman is helping to wreck a certain home in this city. You have been talked to that you might see your mistake. You have not seen fit to change. Do you wish for your husband to know, absolutely, the facts in the case? It might cause trouble. You must correct this matter. This may refer to a colored woman or white woman. You know.

(Signed) E. C., of *Meridian Klan No. 14*
Meridian, Miss.

8

Proud boast of the *Deer Creek Pilot*, of Sharkey county:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we announce to the people of Mississippi that, at last, we have gotten out of our textbooks all matter that reflects on the South in any way and all objectionable matter in reference to the theory

of evolution. We believe that we have for use in our agricultural high schools next year the only textbook on biology that does not mention the subject of evolution.

9

How the Christian law-makers at Jackson prepare for their noble and profound labors:

In the Department of Education every Monday morning the State officials gather, along with the large staff of stenographers, secretaries and clerks, and for fifteen minutes they participate in . . . a State prayer meeting. . . .

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From the *Weekly Unity*,* an organ of the Higher Life, published at Kansas City:

Insects are the result of error ideas of life and wrong uses of the life forces by man. . . . When divine order is established in man's thoughts and in his life, order will manifest also in the outer, and insects that prey upon vegetables, animals, and man will disappear. As man grows in understanding and in Truth, he will be troubled less and less by flies, mosquitoes, and bugs. They will disappear from his life as his consciousness is cleansed by Spirit and lifted up more fully into the Christ mind.

2

How the students of Washington University are taught to think, as reported by *Student Life*, the university paper:

Chancellor Herbert S. Hadley will open discussion in an assembly of all students in Graham Memorial Chapel, on the question of choosing a mascot for the university. All classes in the university will be dismissed to attend the discussion and debate which, as a result of student agitation on the question, will be dealt with as follows: Chancellor Hadley will first explain the underlying reasons for the

holding of the meeting and will introduce several prominent alumni who will discuss possible mascots for the university. Then discussion from the floor will be in order in the form of five-minute discussions with two-minute rebuttals on behalf of the various animals proposed. A vote will then be taken, on the question, "What animal is most desirable as the mascot of Washington University?"

3

Contribution to political science from the learned editorial writer of the St. Louis *Censor*:

Another and quite as serious an objection to Mr. Igoe [candidate for mayor] is that he has never taken enough interest in his country's welfare to get married. He is a bachelor . . . and as such has small claim on the mayor's office. . . . No bachelor can be a good mayor.

4

Ecclesiastical notice from the Osborne *Enterprise*:

They paid off a church debt down at North Greenfield Church, near Springfield, the other night with a hugging social. Eight hundred people attended, and \$75 was raised. The rates:

Girls under 15, for a two-minute hug 15 cents.

Girls 15 to 20, same for 25 cents.

Girls 20 to 25, same for 50 cents.

Other men's wives, same for 75 cents.

Old maids, three cents and no time limit.

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5

Progress of the Higher Learning in Kansas City:

Become Bachelor of Physical Culture or Master of Weight Lifting. Wonderful field. Peoples College, Kansas City, Mo.

6

Arrival of a high-pressure, ink-burning go-getter¹ in the Kansas City pulpit, as announced by the eminent *Journal-Post*:

Publicity is the most important requisite for a successful ministry, the Rev. William L. Stidger, new pastor of Linwood Boulevard M. E. Church, said today in an address before the Advertising Club. . . . Mr. Stidger said he challenged any Kansas City theatre to produce as entertaining a programme as he intends to arrange for his church this Winter. He said Sinclair Lewis, Edwin Markham² and Eddie Guest³ would be three of the leading attractions.

7

From an unsophisticated reader of the *Columbia Tribune*:

Another very strong illustration of the working of Socialist propaganda was the Scopes trial to break the anti-evolution law at Dayton, Tenn. . . . Who paid Darrow⁴ and his great array of counsel and scientists from all parts of the country? You don't know? To find the answer I would first search the cash accounts in the Russian soviet headquarters in Broadway, New York. I would also search the same accounts to find the amounts spent among our Ameri-

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can universities for the propaganda against military training and preparedness for future wars. C. W. LOOMIS

8

Obiter dictum credited to the Rev. Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, pastor of the Linwood Boulevard Christian Church, of Kansas City:

If Christ were here today He would be either the head of a great newspaper, or would have control of some great moving picture concern, or be the head of the biggest radio broadcasting station in the country.

9

How the worship of God is improved and embellished in Kansas City, as reported by the *Star*:

A Bible class on the order of a golf game will be conducted Sunday by the Country Club Methodist Church.

The players will tee off promptly at 9:45 o'clock for a round of eighteen holes.

Hole 1—Address by Solon T. Gilmore, president of the class. Par, 2 minutes.

Holes 2, 3 and 4—Songs by Raymond M. Havens.

Hole 5—W. T. Grant, announcements; par, 2 minutes.

Hole 6—Harold Spencer, vocal solo.

Hole 7—Scripture reading, L. N. Wylder.

Hole 8—Vocal solo, Leonard Kniffin.

Hole 9—Prayer, Will C. Lucas.

Hole 10—Lecture, W. M. Mathews.

Holes 11 and 12—Collection, Charles S. Alves and Marvin L. Orear.

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Hole 13—Chorus, everybody.

Hole 14—Address, James E. Nugent, leader of men's Bible class of the Country Club Church.

Hole 15—Address, Frank King, leader of men's Bible class of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Hole 16—Introduction of visitor, Bob Hodge.

Hole 18—March, Hal F. Bagby.

Hole 17—Lord's prayer, C. S. Jobes.

10

Progress of Law Enforcement in Kansas City:

Kansas City's youngest bootlegger, ten years old, was brought to police headquarters by the city's biggest policeman. The boy was found with a half pint bottle of corn whisky in one hand and an all-day sucker ⁵ in the other. He told the police his grandmother sent him after a quarter's worth of whisky.

11

Crimino-sociological note from a recent Mexico dispatch to the New York *Times*:

James Crump, a Negro, slayer of Sheriff Charles Blum, . . . will be hanged in an enclosure behind the county jail, . . . Sheriff Farmer stated. It had been planned to hang the condemned man in a barn, but the change was brought about through the fear of the Montgomery County Court that the barn, which is in the jail yard, would become haunted following the hanging.

12

Want ad in the St. Louis *Times*:

GOOSE WANTED—With acting ability, to take part in theatrical presentation. Stage or motion picture experience preferred. Strict morality demanded. Apply William Goldman, Kings Theatre, 816 N. Kingshighway.

13

Patriotic reflection of a contributor of the erudite *Kansas City Star*:

Our system of government is Christlike in its perfection.

14

From the weekly calendar of the First Baptist Church, of West Plains:

The pastor is certainly guilty of taking the door knobs off the doors of the Baptist Church; but there is a reason. One of the deacons didn't like to shake hands with the pastor, and would go out at the back door. After the door knobs were taken off, he used the front door. Selah!

15

Disquieting news item from Kansas City:

A survey to determine the ethical attitude of children on questions of honesty, conducted by Dr. Athearn, resulted in the startling replies that they did not consider it dishonest to steal from one who had obtained his money dishonestly. In answer to who, in their opinion, have obtained their fortunes dishonestly, the children listed: bankers, lawyers, landlords, real estate men, manufacturers, railroads, street car and other big corporations.

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From a leaflet published by the Gospel Publishing House,
of Springfield:

Smoking is not Christ-like.

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Contribution to criminology by Mrs. Nort Frisbie, of Forsyth, as reported by the *Bozeman Chronicle*:

Greater effort in Americanization, suppression of the cigarette habit and prohibition of early Sunday morning dances—such activities, Mrs. Frisbie told the delegates, would do more for the suppression of crime than all of the peace officers and the standing army of the United States could effect unitedly.

2

Sardonic want ad in the same great journal:

FOR SALE—MILK GOAT, SAANAN BREED; soon to kid. Fond of children, bedroom slippers, linen napkins, and stove polish. Price sixty-five dollars to good home. Telephone 236-J, Box 666, Bozeman.

3

Effects of Prohibition in Billings:

When the Billings municipal band started its weekly practice on the top floor of the city hall a prisoner in the cell house in the basement became violently insane and had to

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be placed in a padded cell. The man, who was arrested for vagrancy, apparently was normal, the jailer said, until the music began to float down into the jail. He then began to jump up and down and yell at the top of his voice. Later he began to sing and pray. The band was playing "How dry I am" when the prisoner became unbalanced, the jailer declared.

NEBRASKA

I

Note on Nebraska's uses of the fine arts, from the *Editor and Publisher*:

A statue of Andy Gump,¹ comic strip character created by Sydney Smith of the *Chicago Tribune*, was unveiled on the front steps of the Douglas County Courthouse in Omaha.

2

Progress of the new Fundamentalism among Nebraska Christians, as revealed by a press dispatch from Lincoln:

State Superintendent Matzen has received a letter from E. E. Thomas of Omaha, Federal Prohibition director for Nebraska, which incloses a complaint from A. L. Shamblin, superintendent of schools for Blaine county, relative to illustrations of a distilling apparatus and information as to the method by which malt and spirituous liquors are made, contained in a physiology textbook. The Prohibition director said he did not know whether this was an actual violation of the State law which forbids the advertising of any recipe or formula for the manufacture of liquor, but he thought it contrary to the spirit of the law and believed anything of the kind should be discouraged.

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3

Progress of science in this great State, as reported by the *Chiropractor*:

The Service Life Insurance Company, of Lincoln, is the first life insurance company in the world to appoint chiropractors² as accredited examiners, and over twenty per cent of the insurance written by it during the past year was based on physical examinations made by Nebraska chiropractors.

4

Scientific announcement from the eminent *State Journal* of Lincoln, seat of the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska Wesleyan University, the Bryan Shrine, Cotner University, Union College, the State Penitentiary and the State Asylum for the Insane:

DR. GEORGE S. GEE, D.C., N.D.

Treats all kinds of diseases with electricity, heat, massage and chiropractic. You get results from the first treatment. Free examination and a diet list for every patient. Free children's clinic every day from 3 to 4 p. m. Special rates for college students. S. & H. Green Trading Stamps are given. Office hours, 1-6 p. m., and by appointment. 305 Brownell bldg., B4463.

5

Circular distributed to the trembling burghers of the up-and-coming town of Ord:

NOTICE

BOOTLEGGERS, GAMBLERS, HOME BREAKERS AND ALL LAW VIOLATORS: YOU ARE HEREBY WARNED THAT ALL VIOLATIONS MUST CEASE. OUR BOYS AND GIRLS MUST BE PROTECTED.

Married Men, Watch Your Step!

Do your joy riding with your own family. Fathers, watch your sons. Mothers, know where your daughters are at night. City and county officials, Do Your Duty!

All law enforcement officials have our undivided support in the enforcement of law. We are for law enforcement through the proper constituted authorities and in that way alone,—but we do insist that the law be enforced. All officers of city, county and State who attempt to straddle the fence in an effort to please both sides and continue to hold office are hereby notified that our support and influence will go always to him who discharges his duty to the full in both the letter and spirit of the law, without fear or favor. The man who patronizes the bootlegger, be he klan member or klan maligner—*is as guilty as the bootlegger.*

No law abiding citizen need fear this 100 per ct. all American peace loving organization. All others have cause to fear.

Those who condemn our free public schools are condemning those very principles on which our government was founded, on which depends the democracy of our great nation. We have no room in this country for the enemies of our free public schools.

Lastly—no political party claims us, no sect appropriates our good will, no set of men has a corner on our activities. We will uphold all just laws, speak one language, owe al-

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legiance to America—and America only—salute one flag—the stars and stripes forever.

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The eminent Scotts Bluff *Star-Herald* makes the *amende honorable*:

The *Sun-Herald* made one of its numerous mistakes in our Sunday issue. Our capable Cedar Valley correspondent sent in a fine lot of items, one of which told of a very pleasant reception, at which Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Duff were hostesses. Our linotypes have become so used to recording that Mrs. So and So entertained at bridge that although our correspondent wrote very plainly that charades were played, our linotype just naturally made it cards. We beg the ladies' pardon, and will try to do better in the future.

7

News from Winside:

Albert Strate, a farmer living near here, recently got religion and to show his faith took a big dose of strychnine, boasting that the Lord would not let it hurt him. The coroner's jury pronounced it suicide.

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Bloody oath taken by the seniors¹ at the University of Nevada, and suggested by the Hon. Huber William Hurt, Ph.D.:

I, about to be graduated from the *University of Nevada*,
Acknowledging my great debt to the Giver of all life who has given me life in Nevada, the State whose people are most blest with pioneering strengths and whose land of all America is freshest from His hand, and most truly his cathedral with mountain columns, star vaults, and sage incensed aisles hourly urging one to reverent thinking and living;

Acknowledging my great debt to the race which has made me heir to civilization wrought out by its centuries of toil and of thought and preserved by the bravery of its heroes, the wisdom of its sages and the faith of its saints;

Acknowledging my great debt to this Nation and to the Commonwealth which through guardian organization and through open school doors have jointly made possible for me to come into the full riches of my natural and my racial inheritances:

Here and Now Pledge

Life long loyalty to the shaping ideals of American Civilization,

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Liberty bounded by law drawn for the common weal,
Equality of opportunity for all, and
Justice administered in accord with the dictates of the
common will, lawfully expressed.

I here and now further pledge
That in all the years to be granted to me and to the fullness
of my allotted strength

I shall serve

both alone and with others to the high ends that uncleanness, greed, selfishness and pride shall lessen; that cleanness, charity, comradeship and reverence shall widen, and that this, my generation, shall bequeath an even better and nobler civilization than came to it.

2

Effects of Prohibition in Reno:

G. Aldaya, a blacksmith, took a drink of ice-water today, and for four hours physicians worked on him before they could open his jaws. They said it was a form of lockjaw.

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I

Scholarly remarks of an eminent man of learning, as revealed in the *Dartmouth*, the college paper:

"There is something inspiring," said Dean Laycock, "in hearing one's own college yell, but sometimes I think that the students have forgotten how to give it. When the 'Wah-Hoo-Wah' is properly given, there is something in it which appeals to a man's loyalty and makes him feel a small part of something immensely large." . . .

With Dean Laycock as cheer leader, the students gave the "Wah-Hoo-Wah" twice as it should be given.

2

The state of civilization in the high hills, as brought to light by the local correspondent of the esteemed *Boston Globe*:

The Friends Church, Gonic, held a social in the vestry, in which the following question was discussed: "Resolved, that the mosquito is superior to the bedbug." The disputants were Myron Jenness of the school board from Ward 2, and County Agricultural Agent Harold R. Ham in the affirmative, and the Rev. Harvey Jones and Walter Wood in the negative. The judges were Mrs. Grace Meader,

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Rolfe Richardson and Charles Teague, who after 13 ballots decided in the negative.

In the affirmative it was argued that the mosquito belongs to a much higher social order than the bedbug, has a great deal of musical ability, while the bedbug has none. The mosquito is considerate about biting; approaches you with song, while the bedbug sneaks behind your back; lives outdoors, while the bedbug clutters up your house; is much more graceful in appearance, more honorable and is here only for a few months instead of all the time.

It was declared by the negative that the bedbug had the sweetest disposition, because it is very quiet and modest; was continually on its job, more athletic, more advanced than the mosquito scientifically. Its method of attack was declared to be according to modern science in warfare. The mosquito approaches you with fife and drum corps and with banner flying, while the bedbug uses modern science and meets its prey under cover.

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From the contributors' column of the *Democrat*, published at Flemington:

From time to time I have issued various warnings to the citizens of our town regarding the nature of material that comes down through our sewers. Parts of clothing, hair, gauze, muslin, etc., are constantly coming through. . . . And within the last six months two little boy babies have come through. Surely the time has come for a halt, or we suffer from a stoppage and probably a new sewer plant for the taxpayers.

THEODORE BELLIS,
Superintendent

2

Effects of living within the shadow of Walt Whitman's tomb¹ upon the learned chief editorial writer of the *Camden Courier*:

Who makes American literature? Not the Lowells and the Longfellows. Not the Mark Twains, even—or the Sinclair Lewises. The characteristic literature of this nation is not poetry or the novel, not the essay or the volume of philosophy. *It is the Book of Business that grips and holds our people.* Thus a great writer on current business, like

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Roger Babson, may truly be called a maker of American literature of today.

3

Workings of the Holy Spirit at Ocean Grove, as revealed by the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*:

The fact that the North End Hotel was not entirely destroyed by fire was attributed by the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Boswell to the prayers offered by him and several guests in the streets in front of the flaming structure just when firemen despaired of checking the blaze.

"We got down on our knees and prayed for the safety of the building," said Dr. Boswell, "and it seemed we had no sooner finished the prayer when the wind changed."

4

From a circular distributed along the boardwalk at Atlantic City by a local sorcerer:

Spells of all kinds released and broken. Love apples in all forms. High John, the Conqueror; Adam and Eve, black cat's ankle dust, and all kinds of highly appreciated roots and herbs. Cash or credit.

Guffer dust (new moon) No. 1, \$50; happy dust, \$40; black cats' ankle dust, \$500; black cat's wishbone, \$1,000; King Solomon's marrow, \$1,000; easy life powder, \$100; tying down goods, \$50; chasing away goods, \$50; boss fix powders, \$15; buzzard nest, \$100.

5

Incident of the consecrated life from the eminent Salem *Standard and Jerseyman*:

The indictment against Fred Stopper for assault and battery on his wife and carrying concealed weapon, was nolle prossed. Prosecutor Errickson stated that the State could not prove its case for the reason that Mrs. Stopper was not attacked but fearing that she would be had her husband arrested and at the house a blackjack was found on his person. Mr. Errickson said that Stopper is the father of eight children and that since last September he has contributed \$36.00 toward the family's support. He also stated that Stopper leaves the family and disappears and when he comes back throws the whole household in fear of being attacked. The wife has said that she wished he would stay away for she and the children get along better without him. Attorney Atkinson explained that Stopper is a Bible salesman and going around the country he carries a blackjack for protection.

6

Headline put on one of the International Sunday-School Lessons (Acts XX, 25-38) by the religious editor of the *Camden Courier*:

PAUL CALLS ELDERS
FOR LAST FAREWELL;
FACES FATE BRAVELY

Unafraid for Himself As He
Hurries Back to
Jerusalem

WARNS THE EPHESIANS

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Advertisement in the public prints of Camden:

F. HARTMAN & SON

who present to Camden a cigar named after

Camden's most famous writer

WALT WHITMAN

pledge themselves to keep these cigars of such quality that those who come from afar to study at the Whitman Shrine will never find a product unworthy of the name of the master of the study of self-gratification!

If we had too much domestic tobacco it would be like Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" with his later writings omitted. Hot—but pretty strong taken by itself!

If we had an all-Havana cigar it would be like a steady diet of Whitman's "Apostroph"—a bit too heavy—

But we have blended the Havana and domestic in the Walt Whitman Cigar so you relish it at all times just as your book of Whitman's writings will always appeal if you blend your readings of his poems.

8

Progress of the New Morality in Jersey City:

Mrs. Mary Grieco was found guilty of violating the vice and immorality act by Acting Judge William McGovern in the Second Criminal Court. Sentence was suspended. Mrs. Grieco early Sunday erected a clothes-pole in her back yard.

9

Funeral orgies in the rising town of West New York, Hudson county:

Following his deathbed wishes, the funeral of Christian Weiss, who kept a hotel in West New York, was attended by firemen in red shirts, schuetzen corps in gay uniforms and two brass bands, which played continuously to the moment of interment such selections as "The Comedy King," "Dusky Dudes," "El Capitan" and "The Bride-Elect" marches, with a dirge at the hearse and another at the grave. Crowds from West New York, Union Hill and Weehawken filled the streets.

10

Rewards of the heroes of democracy in seaboard New Jersey, as revealed by the Somers Point correspondent of the *Atlantic City Gazette-Review*:

The ladies of the Civic Club have been planning for a long time to erect some kind of a memorial to the boys of the Point who lost their lives in the World War. Several prominent ladies suggested that a comfort station² would be a fitting memorial.

11

Want ad in the *Jersey Observer*, published at Hoboken:

TWO GENTLEMEN to share room and board with young widow; comfortable home; laundry done. Address Box D-3, *Jersey Observer*, Gardner St., Union City.

12

Long Branch item in the papers supplied by the eminent United Press:

Alma Cook and Harry Hayden are the envy of their Sun-

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day-school classmates, having won the prizes offered by the Loyal Temperance Legion of the Asbury M. E. Church for the children who would collect the greatest number of cigarette butts from the streets in a given time.

NEW MEXICO

I

How the spirit of Cervantes is being fanned to flame among his fellow Iberians in this Republic, as revealed by a leading print of Santa Fé:

How to Preserve Corn-on-the-Cob¹ for Winter Use was one of the very interesting and instructive papers read before the Sociedad Literara Cervantes, at its regular monthly meeting. Pablo Lopez was the exponent of this interesting theory. Other papers read before the society were: "Life of President Wilson," Marcelino Apolaca; "Life of General Pershing," Canuto Lobato; "Community Ditches," Miguel Rodriguez; "From Laborer to Barber," Lazaro Vigil.

2

Sinister note from the eminent Albuquerque *Tribune*:

The Y. W. C. A. is having a party on May 11 at the recreation room. Invitations, which have been sent only to women, bear the bidding, "Please bring your husband. If you have no husband, bring a gentleman."

NEW YORK

I

From the report of a Brooklyn divorce action in the eminent New York *Sun*:

Mrs. Kimball's affidavit charges cruel and inhuman treatment. They were happy until 1918, she said, when her husband took up the study of Christian Science.

"He wanted to try this new belief on me," she asserted. "This caused most of our trouble. On Columbus Day, 1923, I was cooking bacon and eggs when my husband said to me: 'If you have proper faith nothing can hurt you.' He took a spoonful of hot bacon grease from the pan and poured it on the back of my hand. I had a severe burn on my hand for several weeks.

"He had a habit of stepping with his full weight on my feet. Once he threw a chair at me. Another habit of his was to go into the hall where we lived and pray for me in a loud voice. He would ask forgiveness for me and ask that I be delivered from error."

2

News item in the distinguished *Daily Mirror*:

Already tattooed over most of his body with Biblical scenes and other religious and patriotic pictures, Jack Red-

cloud had the head of Christ tattooed on his bald spot in a Bowery arcade.

3

Legal news in the eminent *Evening World*:

The Grand Jury was not in session today because of the Jewish holiday.¹

4

The chemical and physiological foundations of Prohibition, as revealed by a reverend reader of the esteemed *World*:

To be sure, alcohol does appear in nature; but what is it? It is an absolute scientific fact that alcohol is insect excreta. The myriads of little organisms at work devouring fruit juice do expel, as does every organism, a certain amount of excreta. But nature tries to get rid of this poison as quickly as possible by making it volatile in a high degr.e. It is whisked into the air, diluted, and in time, denatured, is usable again by the vegetable kingdom.

But what does man do? He bottles up this insect sewage and proceeds to guzzle it down. His own body, however, is wiser than his failing. Whenever this miserable stuff is swallowed, whether it be in champagne or beer, the human body immediately sets to work to expel it as quickly as possible. Circulation is excited, the kidneys work overtime, part of the poison is perspired and part gotten rid of by the breath and intestines.

REVEREND J. ELMER CATES,
*Pastor of the Buchanan Methodist Episcopal
Church, Buchanan, N. Y.*

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Proud boast of the Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton:

Calvary Baptist Church . . . was the first church to put in a radio broadcasting station of its own, and is the first church in saving souls in New York City.

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The process of saving them, as revealed by a news report of a recent corporation meeting at Dr. Straton's church:

Men and women leaped to their feet trying to shout each other down, men were pushed back into their chairs, private quarrels raged, charges of fraudulent voting were hurled. . . . Mr. R. Buzbee, the church's attorney, left the auditorium . . . after Supreme Court Justice William Harmon Black, head of the Board of Trustees, roared: "If he won't go out, we will put him out."

7

Romantic literary note from the eminent *Bookman*:

A party I should have liked to attend was the one where Floyd Dell, Elinor Wylie, and William Rose Benét² chanted Shelley's odes in unison. How many people in the world are there, I wonder, who would know enough of Shelley's odes (they also took a turn at Keats and Francis Thompson) to chant them in unison or any other way?

8

Business notice:

SAMUEL MANN
REAL ESTATE BROKER
325 EAST 4TH ST.

Dear Friend:

I am interested in arranging meetings to unmarried people who wish to get married and made happy. If you or your friends are interested, please recommend them to us, very confidential.

P.S.: We teach Real Estate to those who are interested to learn and transact a regular Real Estate business, at our office.

Yours truly,

SAMUEL MANN,
325 East 4th St., New York

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Patriotic words attributed to the Hon. Frederick A. Wallis, Director of the Department of Correction of New York City:

Crime can never be eradicated in America until we see that no one teaches our youth in the public schools who has not taken the oath of allegiance to the Bible and the Flag.

10

Note on the state of the enlightenment at Mineola:

Crowds are jamming St. Martha's Roman Catholic Church as a result of a report that an apparition of the Madonna and Child is plainly visible on the walls of the church. The figure is said to be about three feet high, with the halo about the head of the Child and the outline of a cross visible. The

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edifice is filled to capacity with members from other towns at every service.

II

Scientific want ad in the *Daily Graphic*, a leading intellectual print:

WANT a Waterman's fountain pen in exchange for a wonderful complete constipation cure, or will sell same for \$2. Samuel Haftel, 193 Orchard st., city.

12

Proof of the rise of æsthetic appreciation in marvellous Manhattan:

Greeting:

You are cordially invited and urged to attend a

JOINT EXHIBITION OF

UNUSUAL PAINTINGS

BY

The Mystic Poet-Painter of the Unseen

PRINCE CHILDE DE ROHAN-D'HARCOURT

AND

MERTON CLIVETTE

Painter of "The Mob"

At The Spanish Society (Unión Benéfica Española),

239 West 14th street, New York City (Watkins 7873)

There are about two hundred Paintings on Exhibition at prices ranging from fifty to five thousand dollars. The exhibition is open to the public every day, including Sundays and Holidays, from 10 A. M. to 11 P. M.

Among the Paintings exhibited by Prince Childe de Rohan-d'Harcourt, is his

ASTRAL PORTRAIT

OF

PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING

A talk by Prince Childe de Rohan-d'Harcourt, entitled "How President Warren G. Harding Came to See Me After His Death," will be given.

13

Law Enforcement note from the great Christian city of Syracuse:

Joe Kelly, Pat Caveney and Howard Hughes of the Prohibition raiders appeared at the tribunal of Commissioner Henderson yesterday after a hectic night during which they waded knee-deep in moonshine following the explosion of a still in a second-hand store in West street.

"I was right up to here in it," quoth Joe, indicating a point a half inch south of his kneecap. "But I should worry. It cured my rheumatism and removed a corn I couldn't get rid of with dynamite."

14

Summary of a bill introduced into the State legislature by the Lord's Day Alliance: *

The bill prohibits paid Sunday baseball, "motion pictures, racing, concerts and other public sports and pleasures, and all * processions and parades "excepting only funeral processions and the actual burial of the dead." "Golf is permitted, but

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the employment of caddies, attendants and other help about golf links" is prohibited. . . . The proposed law would close delicatessen shops on Sunday and prohibit the sale of candy, soda water or other refreshments and every kind of trafficking except in "milk, drugs, medicines, surgical instruments and gasoline." . . . In addition to abolishing paid Sunday sports, the bill would make it a misdemeanor for amateurs to play baseball or for boys to play catch on Sunday before two o'clock. . . . Amateurs are likewise forbidden to play football, basket ball, tennis, hockey, lacrosse and other games . . . on Sunday before two o'clock. . . . Paid Sunday debates are forbidden. . . . All reduced fare excursions on Sundays are prohibited. . . . Bootblacks are forbidden to work on Sundays.

15

Editorial in the *American Standard*,⁴ organ of 100% Americanism:

Were it not for Roman Catholic Italians, Russian and Polish Jews, and other Latin and Oriental aliens, who have swarmed into our country like a plague of locusts, grand opera could not live five minutes in the American atmosphere. From center to circumference, it is foreign to the decent and Christian spirit of the United States.

The Metropolitan Opera House is the most thoroughly foreign institution in this country. Standing at the back of the house and surveying an operatic audience, one can scarcely find an Anglo-Saxon face. Jews and Italians predominate, with a liberal proportion of Germans, Slavs, and miscellaneous dregs of the Mediterranean and Levantine races.

With the downfall of Roman Catholicism in this country,

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will come the crash of grand opera as well. Genuine Americans have no real feeling for it, and can neither produce operas nor act in them. To imagine George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, or any other such representative American paying to witness the horrors and sensualities of grand opera, is to imagine the impossible. . . .

16

Law Enforcement item from Manhattan:

Benjamin Josephson, who has a saloon on the Bowery, did not realize the weight of his epithet when he called John Cassidy, 40 years old, a Prohibition agent. The outcome was that the Bowery around Delancey street was thrown into a panic, and Josephson is at a hospital with two bullet holes in his body.

17

Advertisement in the great *Times*:

TO PROSPECTIVE WIDOWS

It should not be left to you to choose the family burial place. Then it is too harrowing, too tragic a task.

Talk to your husband now while the choice can be made with light hearts and mutual hope.

KENSICO

AMERICA'S BURIAL PARK

City Office: 103 Park Avenue

Telephone: Ashland 4770

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Noble Christian work of an inhabitant of the Sodom of America:

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Smoking, drinking and possibly Sunday newspapers will be taboo nearly throughout the world's loftiest skyscraper, a \$14,000,000—5,500 room hotel building, which Oscar A. Konkle plans to erect as a monument to missionaries out of gratitude for the recovery of his son from lockjaw. The building will be 65 stories and eight feet taller than the Woolworth building. Ten per cent of the profits will go for missionary work. Each hotel guest will have to sign a statement pledging himself not to smoke, use tobacco or drink intoxicants.

19

Legal note from the eminent *Times*:

Supreme Court Justice Russell Benedict in Brooklyn refused to approve a certificate of incorporation for the first Hwerchndneprowsker Progressive Society.

"I am constrained to refuse approval of this certificate of incorporation on the ground that the name is un-American," Justice Benedict wrote in his decision. "I will not stamp with my approval any society to be organized which has the name of a foreign place."

The effects of Law Enforcement upon its agents, as reported by the *Auburn Citizen*:

The Syracuse office of the Federal Prohibition Enforcement Bureau is under fire, as seems to be the case with every branch from time to time. The present upheaval includes wire-tapping, intimations of deliberate tipping-off, graft, incompetence. The last time the Syracuse office came under public scrutiny in a sensational way was when an enforce-

ment agent connected with it died, and left \$50,000 in cash in a safe deposit box as part of his savings.

21

Progress of the Higher Learning at Cornell, as revealed in a recent news report:

The first class of college-trained hotel men was graduated from Cornell University recently. Everything from potato peeling to assignment of the bridal suite was included in the curriculum. Diplomas of the graduates vouched for the ability of the college-bred hotel men to cut and roast a steer, to make beds, to hop bells, to arrangements for a business man's club luncheon, or an epicure's banquet, etc.

22

Sign appearing in a delicatessen store on Third avenue:

FRESH IMPORTED SWISS CHEESE
DIRECT FROM SWEDEN

23

Obiter dictum by Ford, J., as reported by the intellectual *Mirror*:

When a man and a woman are alone for two hours or more the inference is reasonable that they are not there to say their prayers.

24

From a circular recently distributed among the students of the College of the City of New York by the Department of Military Science and Tactics:

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In connection with the military policy and history of the United States remember two things:

..First: That the wars of the United States have never been for the purpose of conquest or aggression.

Second: That the wars of the United States have always made for progress of the world and betterment of humanity.

25

The rise of Christian prudery and fastidiousness in the devil's headquarters, as disclosed in a current news report:

Fraternal relations between the grand lodge of Masons of New York and the Grand Orient of Belgium have been severed because the latter body has no belief in God and does not require a Bible placed upon the Masonic altar in Belgian lodge-rooms.

26

Proof that New Yorkers are less credulous than yokels, from one of the Manhattan daily whizz-bangs:

James Clendinen, 1021 Ocean avenue, believed that he was tormented by evil spirits. A young and attractive gypsy called at his home. She told him that he had 151 evil spirits and that she could get rid of every one of them if he would . . . get all his money and put it in his pocket. Clendinen had his life-savings, amounting to \$7,080, in a trunk. He placed it all in his pocket, the gypsy made a few passes, blessed him and made away with the roll.

27

Patriotic reflections of the Hon. Darwin P. Kingsley, A.B., A.M., LL.D., L.A.D., president of the New York Life Insurance Company, as reported in the *Manufacturer's Record*:

We were under the impression that Europe had reached a stage of civilization similar to that of this country . . . but we have learned that Europe is not simply one century but two centuries behind our civilization.

28

Letter from a Utica clergyman to the Elliott Addressing Machine Company:

In going about His Father's Business the Lord would have used an Elliott Addressing Machine if He could have gotten one. Then too, imagine, if you can, the numbers of letters of St. Paul, if the Elliott Addressing System had been at his command.

Yours, for Better Business in the Father's Business,
(Signed) ARNOLD F. KELLER

29

Counter offensive against Christian Science in marvelous Manhattan, announced by an advertisement in the eminent *Times*:

JEWISH SCIENCE

RABBI MORRIS LICHTENSTEIN

Leader and Founder

AUTHORIZED JEWISH SCIENCE^s service will be resumed

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with the High Holidays at the HOTEL ASTOR (North Ballroom), Broadway at 44th st.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Friday Evening at 8 Saturday Morning at 10

SEATS ARE FREE—ALL ARE WELCOME

NO CARD FOR ADMISSION REQUIRED

We also wish to announce the publication of the Jewish Science Text-Book: "JEWISH SCIENCE AND HEALTH," by Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein. Obtainable at Jewish Science Headquarters: 166 West 73d st.

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The Hon. Thomas P. Jackson, of Syracuse, in the *New York World*:

I met a man on the train yesterday who was not interested in the game of baseball at all. I asked him if he had never played ball when a boy. He said he had not. I then asked him if he was born and raised in the United States. He said he was. I moved away from him as quietly as possible because any man who was born and raised in this country and grew up to be a man and never played ball certainly is not right in the head.

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The Higher Education in the Malaria Belt, as reported by the American Civil Liberties Union:

Robert H. Taylor, a Negro at Plymouth, was taken from his barber-shop by a mob and branded with the letters K. K. K. as a lesson to a smart nigger.

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Specimen of humane news reporting from the Raleigh *News and Observer*:

J. L. Castlebury, chief of police of Apex, yesterday brought in a 50-gallon copper still to the sheriff's office. He captured it near W. B. Upchurch's place in White Oak township. No arrests were made. There was no intimation that Mr. Upchurch had any knowledge of the existence of the still, as he is a superintendent of a Sunday-school and a strong believer in Prohibition enforcement.

3

First signs of a *rapprochement* between the crusaders of civilization and the cultureless, brought to light by the Asheville *Enterprise*:

Representatives from the local branch of the Ku Klux

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Klan were guests of Nazareth Baptist Church (Negro). Robed in white and masked, the Klansmen marched silently down the aisle and were seated in front of the church. . . . After an organ prelude members of the Klan arose and Rev. O. R. Gordon, pastor, gave them a hearty welcome to the church. "We welcome you here and always welcome you," said the Rev. "And I am praying for your success, and wish you would help us make our people better." . . . After his remarks the church received \$20.00 as a gift from the Klansmen.

4

Want ad in the Raleigh *Times*:

WANTED PARTNER, MAN OR WOMAN—
PREFER A WOMAN, AS WOMEN WITH INTERNAL CANCER FEEL SO MUCH MORE AT EASE IN TALKING TO ONE OF THEIR OWN SEX. MUST HAVE SOME ONE ON ACCOUNT OF BEING COMPELLED TO GO PRACTICALLY ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES TO SEE PATIENTS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO COME TO ME. . . . AFTER YOU GET HERE, IF YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY REFERENCES, I WILL . . . TAKE YOU AROUND AND LET YOU TALK WITH PEOPLE FROM TWENTY TO SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE WHO HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING CURED OF ALL MANNER OF EXTERNAL CANCERS WITH A SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL TREATMENT. . . . BESIDES LETTING YOU TALK TO LIVING PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CURED AS MUCH AS TWELVE YEARS AGO, I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE

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WAKE DRUG STORE . . . AND PROVE TO YOU THAT I PAY TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH MONTH FOR THE MOST SCIENTIFIC DRUGS KNOWN TO THE MEDICAL WORLD. . . . I DO NOT WANT TO HIRE ANY ONE. I WANT YOU TO BUY HALF INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS AND HAVE ONE-HALF OF ALL INCOME AND LEARN YOU ALL I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT CANCERS IN SEVENTEEN YEARS. IT IS A VERY PLEASANT BUSINESS. YOU MAKE LOVING FRIENDS, AND CANCERS ARE NOT CONTAGIOUS.

DR. DAN HARRIS
RALEIGH, N. C.

5

Dreadful effects of sin along the Cape Fear river, as reported by the Christian chief editorial writer of the *Wilmington Morning Star*:

As in the case of Needleman, so was this second fiendish crime enacted upon a Sabbath. As in the Needleman case, so did these wolves betray the cowardice that is their birth-right by the methods used and the manner of their vengeance. Can there be wonder or dismay that the prayers of a God-fearing people for the relieving rain went virtually unanswered, when the quiet calm of the Lord's day was polluted by such a revolting offense? Can a day even be called holy, the sun of which rises upon such a sin-steeped drama?

6

Strange workings of the Holy Spirit in Monroe, as re-

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ported in the Hon. Josephus Daniels' *News and Observer* of Raleigh:

Mrs. Julius Baucom, of New Salem township, is in a fearfully disturbed mental condition, believed to be the result of ideas received when attending the recent revival meeting in the courthouse held by Mrs. Olive. She has been showing evidences of disturbance for about three weeks. Friday morning before day she attempted to lock her husband up in a room, saying that he was the devil and should be shut up. He broke out of the room, and seeing him, Mrs. Baucom became frightened and ran and jumped out of the piazza and fell in the yard. Her husband followed, and she, still thinking him the devil who was pursuing her, struck him in the face several times when he attempted to lift her up. Mrs. Baucom is about thirty-eight years of age and has been regarded as a very calm and sensible woman heretofore. She was an enthusiastic attendant at the meeting, so Mr. Simpson says.

7

Devastating logic of the Rev. Charles F. Bluske, of Asheville:

After many years of study I have found that every Bolshevik of Russia, socialist, infidel and anarchist, believe in evolution. They are men who have no religious standard, nor high ideals of Christianity. This gang of infidels is joined by a narrow-minded set of devil-bound evolution preachers, who stand in the church and blaspheme Christ, denying His virgin birth, atonement, divinity and bodily resurrection; in other words, they are jack-ass preachers without faith. This gang consists of newspaper editors and

scientists, who should be exiled out of our country for insulting the high moral standard of the creation of human life, Christianity and civilization, for they are not one hundred per cent American, but an insane set of ignorant, educated fools, who insist on lowering their own organic life to that of a monkey or animal. Take a jackass, a hog and a skunk and tie them together and you have a scientific evolutionist and a modernist. If man once evolved, then, sometime in the past, an oak tree was a pine tree, and a hickory nut tree a walnut tree. There is no such nutty law in creation.

8

Contribution to the American language in an advertisement in the eminent *Wilmington News-Dispatch*:

Upwards of over 500 visited us on our opening day.

9

Intellectual recreations of the rev. clergy along Albemarle Sound, as reported by the *Charlotte Observer*:

The Rev. Mr. Taylor and the Rev. Mr. Dick conducted a public debate at Edenton on the question: "Will the Negro retain his present color in heaven?" Mr. Taylor contended the Negro's color will change.

10

Progress of the crusade to protect Pure Womanhood among the Tar Heels, as reported by two adjoining news items in one issue of the eminent *Charlotte Observer*:

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Two young white men are held in jail at Rockingham on the charge of attempting an assault upon a Negro girl and then throwing her nine-year-old brother into a fish-pond to drown. . . .

Albert Yow, a white man, was arrested near Newsom yesterday on the charge of attempting to criminally assault the wife of a well-known farmer of Montgomery county.

II

Resistance of Tarheel he-men to the stealthy approach of Babylonish vices, as reported by the Greensboro *Daily Record*:

There isn't any class of people in the world any more harmless than is the teahound, but everyone doesn't know that, so the teahound ought to be protected.

Why, the other day right here in Greensboro a teahound suffered a humiliating experience, and he was entirely innocent. A man walked out of a store and found that an un-introduced teahound had walked up to his car and was talking to his wife. Now what do you suppose that husband did? Why, he grabbed that perfectly innocent teahound by his lovelock and mauled the street up with him. Wasn't that the most unjustified thing you ever heard of?

What makes it even worse is the fact that a member of the city council was standing nearby watching the whole proceeding with apparent glee. He was observed to laugh as if greatly amused at the occurrence.

Now, isn't that unjust for the teahound? He doesn't mean a bit of harm. He is as innocent as a babe in arms. Something ought to be done about it. It isn't fair for irate husbands to get their daily dozen by pommeling teahounds, who aren't physically equal to resist.

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The teahound is helpless. We repeat, he needs protection. When a member of the Greensboro city council will stand back and laugh at a teahound who is getting rough treatment it is time to take some action.

13

Display of Christmas spirit by the distinguished chief editorial writer of the *Charlotte News*:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all of those everywhere who hope the old Kaiser won't have one.

13

Law Enforcement note from the Christian town of Murphy, in the *Cherokee Scout*:

I chanced not long ago to be an invited guest to a house party which was being given by a man who lives in the lower end of our county. To my great surprise I found on my arrival that all the male members of this party were giving all glory to Bacchus, staggering and reeling, and endeavoring to dance. The liquor smelled so loud that the scent came near intoxicating me. On glancing around the room I saw sitting in one corner the deputy sheriff of the vicinity, himself under the influence of whiskey. I thought then and think now, What is Prohibition if we do not enforce it?

UN PETIT DIABLE AVEC BOOTLEGGERS

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Another from Chapel Hill, seat of the University of North Carolina:

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According to G. F. Featherstone, chief of police for Chapel Hill, two stills of about 100 gallons capacity each and about 400 gallons of raw beer were destroyed by raiding parties conducted by him the last week. This brings the total boot-legger's equipment captured within a three-mile radius of the University in five weeks to six stills of approximately fifty gallons each capacity, two operators, one Negro and one Caucasian, and about 2200 gallons of beer.

15

Advice to aspiring Methodist clergymen, given by Bishop Collins Denny, Methodist ordinary of the State:

If you would keep your sex before the public, grow hair upon your upper lip. Women now cut their hair and wear men's clothes, but they cannot grow a mustache. That is your badge of masculinity.

16

Note printed upon the bill-head of an eminent medical practitioner of Benson, in the Anti-Evolution Belt:

It is really an imposition to let people go on carrying my money when I am so strong and healthy and so able to bear the burden myself; silver and gold are very heavy and it would be to me a matter of life-long regret if any one should get bowlegged carrying it around for me. It takes pure cash to pay my debts, and cash I must have; promises won't do, and for those reasons I ask you to bring it to me, or leave it at my office, or send it to me by mail, express, freight train, wheelbarrow or any other way, just so I get it.

I am yours to serve,

G. E. PARKER, M.D.

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Threatening notice in the *Sarles Advocate*:

Please bring back that Ladder to the Telephone office.
A. J. Chapman.

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Christian work on the rolling prairie:

EVERYBODY Invited to help pay for a Bible, unusual in size and wonderfully constructed to present to the War Risk Insurance Company. Any man who donates, his name will be printed in the Bible. Let's all get together on this. All checks are to be mailed to

GERRIT ZAAGSMA.
Ypsilanti, N. Dak.

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What it means to be a teacher, revealed by a blank sent to an applicant for the position of teacher of art at Glendale College:

Describe and estimate your personality by underscoring the proper words or phrases.

Positive Elements: Graceful, dignified, modest, gentle, cultured, efficient speaker (pleasing, clear, mellow voice), refined language, jolly, sociable, congenial, coöperative, loyal, teachable, forgiving, hearty eater, thrifty, careful in business matters, optimist, religious, reverent, prayerful, devout, spiritual, pure-minded, faithful in religious observance, Bible student, good moral and religious influence, patriotic.

Negative Elements: Lame, immodest, sensitive, faulty in grammar, slangy, critical, argumentative, sarcastic, pessimistic, irreligious, irreverent, poor moral influence, no public spirit.

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Report upon the effects of aquatic Christianity from the Columbus *Citizen*:

William H. McCoy . . . who had been ill of tuberculosis for several weeks, died at his home . . . from the shock of cold water while he was being immersed by the Rev. J. H.

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Pennell, Campbellite minister of Magnetic Springs. . . .
"Saving a soul is far more important than saving a life,"
Rev. J. H. Pennell declared. . . . "It was unfortunate that
McCoy was too weak to withstand the immersion, but it is
a great blessing that he did not have to die without being
baptized."

3

Progress of the Lucy Stone movement ¹ in Cleveland, as
disclosed by the learned *Press*:

On Sept. 8, Mrs. H. J. Kelley, formerly Miss Mary Jane
Clark, presented herself with a small son.

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Historical pronunciamento by the Hon. Brooks Fletcher,
editorial writer on the *Tribune*, published at Marion,
late home of the lamented Dr. Harding:

Jesus was the first Chautauqua orator.

5

The fruits of Law Enforcement in Cleveland as described
by a correspondent of the International News Service:

Three thousand men and women in Cuyahoga county are
engaged in the business of violating the Prohibition laws for
profit. This industry does an annual business approximating
\$150,000,000 in this county alone. At least 50 per cent of
this, or \$60,000,000, goes in profits to these 3,000 persons.
Justices and mayors in the county, operating under the Crabbe
and Bender laws, have tried more than five times as many
liquor cases as the Municipal Court of Cleveland, and they

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have imposed seven times as much in fines. Last year the Municipal Court tried 18,348 cases, while the justices and mayors tried approximately 94,300. Many mayors and justices have grown rich on the wave of business brought in by the Volstead Act. Altogether, in this county, for their own profits, they have accumulated \$1,974,000. One made \$150,000 in six years.

6

The majesty of the law in Cleveland, as revealed by the *Plain Dealer*:

Safety Director ² Edwin D. Barry, learning that the man arrested gave his address as the University Club, 3813 Euclid avenue, investigated the arrest. Barry said he wanted to determine whether any injustice had been done in arresting a man of some prominence.

7

Benign suggestion of the esteemed Willshire *Herald*:

Prohibition Director Andrews has asked Congress for thirty millions of dollars as a necessary adjunct toward enforcement of the national Prohibition law. Better take that thirty millions of dollars to buy ammunition for the regular army, with orders from the commander-in-chief to shoot to kill every violator of the Prohibition laws, be he or she a bootlegger or the patron of a bootlegger, be they rich or poor, of high or low station, so-called.

8

Reassuring news from a well-informed 100% American of Ohio, as reported by the *Cleveland Press*:

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The old flag should never touch the ground, but there is no law against it touching water. That's the word from Adjutant John Saslovsky of the American Legion, Department of Ohio, who has been asked about flag laundering. Hundreds of flags used in Cleveland are soiled and have remained so under the impression, it is said, that there is a law or rule against washing flags.

9

Masterpiece of euphemism in the columns of the eminent *Cleveland Star-Reporter*:

Battling for her honor with her whole strength and screaming in terror as she felt herself being overpowered, a Dane street housewife was rescued by police this week when they entered just as a burly brute had forced the woman into an illicit liaison.

10

A bill recently introduced in the Ohio General Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Bender:

A BILL

To drive hypocrites out of public life

Whoever, being a duly elected member of any legislative body, or being any other duly elected or appointed officer of the state, or of any county, township, municipality, or school district and having taken an oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, drinks intoxicating liquor as a beverage during his term of office shall be guilty of a felony and shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than five years.

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The Cincinnati *Times-Star* in defense of the county's men of vision:

It is too bad to record . . . that . . . there is a rising tide of antagonism to the luncheon clubs in which American business men meet once a week to discuss over a rather simple meal matters of interest to them and their communities. Rotarians, Kiwanians and similar groups writhe under the lash of the "younger intellectuals"; . . . Why are the younger intellectuals so scornful? Only on the surface is the matter puzzling. Sit in at one of these luncheons and you have the answer. The men you meet there are successful men with a bent to the practical. . . . No wild women dance on the table. No synthetic gin is served. If there is a piano in the room and the custom of choral singing, the songs in which the members join are likely to be standard things, with little jazz stuff and almost no "blues." They tell no off-color stories. They do not read James Joyce, . . .

12

Actual behavior of the same men of vision in Ohio, as revealed by a letter in the *Buckeye*, official Bulletin of the State Kiwanis District:

At the Youngstown meet . . . some of the visitors acted as though the Eighteenth Amendment were not a part of the law. In addition to general rowdiness, throwing of food, putting water in toy balloons, and spewing on the floor . . . they had a noise producing instrument which was an absolute nuisance. . . . At one meeting in Alliance the members of one visiting club wrecked the industrial exhibit and the

cloak room, pushing the attendants aside and throwing all apparel not theirs on the floor in heaps.

13

The Rev. E. L. Pielow, rector of the Athens and Nelsonville Episcopal Churches, as reported by the Athens *Messenger*:

Benjamin Franklin was the first Rotarian. He was the first booster.^a

14

Hymeneal orgies among the Cincinnati *haute noblesse*, as described by the swooning society editor of the celebrated *Enquirer*:

Mr. Burton Closson was the leader of the groomsmen, and he divided the guests upon the epistle and the gospel sides of the church with fine impartiality. Mr. James Morgan Hutton, Jr., and Mr. William Griess added to their other duties that of placing the snowy ribbons down the central aisle, where these silken moorings formed a frail barrier between the guests and the bridal party as it passed. Mr. Reginald Banard and Mr. Richard Mellon, of Pittsburgh, a nephew of Secretary Mellon, led the way, followed by Mr. Closson, Mr. Hutton, Mr. Griess, Mr. Jesse Sweetser, of New York, who, as all the world knows, is the amateur golf champion of the United States; Mr. Bakewell Shaffer and Mr. Douglas Robbins, of Middletown, as uncle of the bride, who was a welcoming host for the guests from his own city as they arrived. All these men are accustomed to the niceties of life and their smartness and poise helped maintain the

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dignity and glamour of the service. They wore gardenias in the coat lapels of their afternoon dress, the gray gloves and spats, which completed their costumes, not to mention their top hats, worn at various rakish angles on the way from the church to the club, being the dernier cri of good form.

15

Contribution to the science of eugenics by the Salvation Army of Cincinnati:

The Army obtained a temporary injunction to prevent erection of a motion-picture theater adjoining the Catherine Booth Home for Girls, on the ground that the music emanating from the theater would implant jazz emotions in babies born at the home.

16

Rise of a spirit of skepticism among Cleveland Freemasons, as indicated by a note by Prophet Charles O. Grissom, of Al Sirat Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm,⁴ in the estimable *Black Fez*:

It is my contention that the majority of stuff passed out as religion, and as such contains our one hope for happiness and salvation, is wholly obsolete and much of it pure bunk.

17

From a press-sheet issued by the publicist * of the Toledo Boy Scouts:

Eighty-five men taking the Boy Scout Leaders' Training Course are following the Scouts in doing a good turn daily.

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Some of the good returns reported at the last meeting were:

1. Helped some school children across the street.
2. Opened a window for an old man.
3. Helped my neighbor repair his roof.
4. Planted two trees for a neighbor who had left town and forgotten about them.
5. Helped repair a tire for a lady.
6. Helped two women separate their machines when their bumpers locked.
7. Helped a man work out a tough financial problem.
8. Opened an umbrella for a lady who had her hands filled with bundles.
9. Put a lid on a sewer.
10. Chopped and carried in some wood for an old lady.

18

Contribution to historical science credited to the Rev. Barrett R. Brickner, rabbi of the Euclid Avenue Temple of Cleveland, by the *Plain Dealer*:

Columbus discovered this country at the behest of Jews who sought a haven of refuge in a new world.

19

Law Enforcement in Cleveland, as reported by the eminent *Plain Dealer*:

"Many criminals could be forestalled in their overt acts if persons would report to the police the irregularities of the neighbors in apartment houses," Robert H. Jamison, president of the Association for Criminal Justice, declared yesterday at a luncheon of the Co-Operative Club.⁶ "If a transient

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moves into your apartment building, and you notice he keeps irregular hours, a tip to police will result in a tactful investigation which may prevent crime," he said.

20

Theologico-æsthetic pronouncement attributed to the Rev. G. N. Luccock, D.D., pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Wooster:

One of the dangers of modern society with its dress or undress is the undue exposure of beauty which God meant for only a husband to see.

21

Contribution to Christian pathology by Mrs. Flatter, a leading vice-chaser of Medina county:

The three poisons contained in each cigarette are nicotine, acsolyn, and furfurol. . . . Furfurol, an oily, gaseous substance, causes convulsions and paralysis, making raw spots on the lungs, and it destroys the brain cells, having a most destructive influence on those cells of the brain called *conscience* cells. Hence nothing matters—poor lessons result in school—and Christianity does not appeal to the cigarette toper.

22

From the contributors' columns of *God's Revivalist*, published at Cincinnati:

The hawks were catching some of our young chickens every day. After doing all we could to prevent them but without success, we called upon God to "rebuke the devourer." The

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hawks kept coming but could not catch a chicken. Some time after, our faith began to waver, and the hawks began to catch chickens. One Sunday, after watching one carry off a chicken, I went down on my knees, asked God in faith not only to keep the hawks from catching chickens but to keep them away altogether. He did so from that very hour.

23

Contribution to religious history by the Rev. Simon P. Long, speaking before the Hebrew Alliance at Columbus:

Adam and Eve were Jews.

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Miracle reported by the Rev. Ernest William Nagel,
in the *Cordell Beacon*:

In the city of Wichita there lives a woman with her family who was taken ill with cancer, and reputable physicians declared there was no hope, and so far as man was concerned, these men were correct. They wired me to come at once. When I came I found this poor woman wasted away with her disease. The first question I asked was whether she believed that in faith in Christ she could be healed. She said she did. In a simple way I asked the Lord that this woman might be spared to live with her dear family, thinking of the little children. Thirty minutes after, she arose from her bed, walked into another room and exclaimed, "I am healed." Upon examination the physicians announced that the cancer had disappeared.

2

Progress of Prohibition in Oklahoma City, as revealed
by the *Daily Oklahoman*:

The Rev. W. Clyde Howard declared in his sermon at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning: "It has been my good or bad fortune to officiate at about 100 weddings a

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year in Oklahoma City. I've been smelling entirely too many whisky breaths recently at these and other affairs."

3

Æsthetic note from the *Daily Oklahoman* of Oklahoma City:

The State Fair will give a prize of \$25 to the boy whose red hair comes nearest to matching the hair of a Duroc-Jersey hog.

4

Contribution to pathology by the eminent Woodward Press:

Mrs. J. F. Gettig received a letter Wednesday stating that Miss Beulah Coad, district health nurse who is in the University Hospital at Oklahoma City, is suffering from *metabolism*, which is a complication of diseases, the direct cause of which has not as yet been ascertained.

5

How the thing is done in the region where all men are he, as described in a dispatch from the up-and-coming town of Picher:

A 40,000-gallon distillery has been unearthed in an old lead mine here, two hundred and fifty feet underground. Four wooden vats, each with a capacity of 10,000 gallons, were found in an upper drift of the mine, and four huge copper stills were found in another drift fifty feet lower. Electric pumps to force the finished product into a cooling tank in the upper drift were found in the lower drift. There was a secret

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connection with a city water line and a secret entrance through a private garage to the mine shaft, where an electrical hoist was used to reach the mine chambers.

6

Heartrending appeal to the Christians of Boise City from the pastor of the local Baptist church, as set forth in the *Cimarron News*:

We can never build Churches that will help men and women from the gutter of sin, with athletics and sports using up the energies of the people on the Sabbath. . . . We beg, plead and pray, in the name of Christ, Christianity, the Church and the Youth of our land, who are being taught to have such little regard for the Sabbath, not to force Sunday Baseball upon us again this year.

OREGON

I

Progress of the art and mystery of adultery on the Pacific Coast, as reported by the *Central Oregon Press*, published at Bend:

Owen Thompson, known here as L. D. Bacher and charged with violation of the Mann Act,¹ was taken to Portland to face the federal grand jury. The woman with whom he has been living, Mrs. L. D. Bacher, was also taken along. She is being held as a material witness against him. Thompson, according to officers, after stealing L. D. Bacher's wife and unborn child, also stole his identity and name.

2

Literary note from the eminent Portland *Oregonian*:

Miss Anne M. Mulheron, librarian of the city . . . declared that the readers of the best books in Portland were those incarcerated in the county jail.

3

From a fire-sale advertisement in the Portland *Oregonian*:

IF TEARS FROM THE HEART EVER TOOK A MAN
TO HEAVEN THIS MAN WILL SURELY BE THERE
WHEN HIS TIME COMES'

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An Unbelievable Surprise Awaited Him Wednesday Morning. Oceans of Tears Rolling Down His Cheeks, with a Broken Heart, the Owner of the American Clothiers Company, Watching His Thirty-Two Years' Honorable Career in Flames

OH, WHAT AN END!! OH, WHAT A FINISH!!
THE OLD MAN CRIED

Nobody could imagine the internal pain that man suffered, fainting dead away in the meantime, while friends from all over the city rushed to help him and share his sorrow.

*But the flame could not be stopped—*With tears and sorrow they went their way!

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215 Morrison Street—Northeast Corner First and Morrison Streets

4

Specimen of red-blooded dramatic criticism from the eminent Eugene *Daily Guard*:

Shakespeare is almost as bad as Ibsen, and it takes a morbid or primitive nature to enjoy a play of that kind.

5

Advertisement in the Baker *Herald*:

The engagement between Samuel H. Hawkins of Pleasant Valley, Oregon, and Miss Ethel L. Knechtley (sometimes known by her stepfather's name, Lockhart), now residing at the Mother Lode mine, near Keating, Oregon, was broken Sunday, October 25.

It has been rumored that the couple were married, so friends reading this please take notice that there is nothing but friendship remaining.

(Signed) MISS ETHEL L. KNECHTLEY

6

Church notice in the *Portland Oregonian*:

RUSSELL M. BROUGHER
Live, Young, Magnetic Son of
Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher,
Preaches Sunday at the
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
"A KISS IN THE DARK"

or

"Sins of the Night"

7

Report of an extraordinary biological phenomenon in the *Burns Times-Herald*:

We wish to thank the many kind friends for the flowers and kind expressions of sympathy at the death of our little son.

MR. AND MRS GLEN CLEMENS
MR. AND MRS. CAL CLEMENS
MR. AND MRS. CLAY CLEMENS
MRS. CHAS. CRONIN
MR. AND MRS. RAY SMITH

8

Crimino-theological note from the Rev. C. H. Bryan, Methodist prison chaplain, as reported in the *Oregon Journal*:

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I used to try to hold religious services at the prison on Sunday afternoons, but found that the ball games were too much competition for me.

9

Apothegm credited to the Right Rev. William P. Remington, B.S., B.D., D.D., Protestant Episcopal bishop of Eastern Oregon, by a writer in the eminent *Country Gentleman*:

A bishop is just a high-class consecrated traveling salesman.

10

In defense of an immortal, as set forth in the *Lariat*, published in Portland:

Close up the churches and schools, burn up every volume of Shakespeare with its forceful and faultless English, but let Eddie Guest ² write on and on; let his songs that bring smiles, then tears, be sung in every household, and our nation will not go wrong.

'AGNES JUST REID

11

Alarming state of the country, as brought to light by the Hon. Griffith Jones, LL.B., of Medford:

When a judge of the Superior Court can say from the bench that an atheist makes as good a guardian as a Christian, and that a man who denies the existence of God and the deity of Jesus Christ is as much entitled to the custody and care of a child as is a member of any church, we well may tremble for the future of the land we all dearly love.

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How the emancipation of women is adding to the dignity of justice, as revealed by a Pittsburgh dispatch:

Mrs. Lulu Mosby, a clubwoman, and active in politics, said she battled all night to swing a jury to the acquittal of four Clarion policemen accused of felonious assault. She won acquittals for three, but the jury reported inability to agree on the fourth. Seven men and five women comprised the jury.

While the argument was at its height, Mrs. Mosby said, one woman sat on the lap of a male juror and smoked a cigarette while talking of matters far from the case under discussion. Epithets which would have been out of place in a saloon flew as her opponents sought to swerve her convictions, Mrs. Mosby said.

"Parodies of popular songs and of off-color street ditties, with my name as the butt of their ridicule, became the weapon of some jurors," she said. "Others made slurring remarks and composed jingles reflecting on me. One man looked at me and at the street, four stories below, and remarked:

"That would be a long drop for you.'"

2

Progress of the Americanization¹ movement in the fau-

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bourgs of Wilkes-Barre, as revealed by the *Record* of that lively burg:

THANK YOU—VOTERS OF NANTICOKE!

We, your newly elected officials who will first serve what will be the City of Nanticoke, are deeply grateful to you for the overwhelming support given us at the polls. . . . We pledged ourselves to give the City of Nanticoke an administration that will set a standard for future governing officials. We take pleasure in reiterating this pledge and stating that now the offices are ours we do not intend for a moment to rest on our oars in endeavor to satisfy all of the people all of the time. . . . Thanks again and again for your wonderful vote and support.

DAN F. SAKOWSKI, *Mayor*

CHARLES GORSKI, *Treasurer*

JOHN WADZINSKI, *School Director*

STANLEY JANOWSKI, *City Councilman*

TEOFIL ZNANIECKI, *City Councilman*

ALEX SKUZINSKI, *City Controller*

LOUIS POTKONSKI, *School Director*

ANTHONY DRAPEWSKI, *City Councilman*

FRANK NARKIEWICZ, *City Councilman*

3

Exultant gloat of the Hon. Benjamin F. Jones, A.B. (Princeton), president of the Lions International:

I'm proud to be a Babbitt.¹

4

Titles listed under the heading of "Fine Arts," in a

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recent bulletin of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny:

Bloem, W. S. The Soul of the Moving Picture	778.1 B 62
Hammett, C. E. How to be an Athlete	796 H 18
Tilden, W. T. The Common Sense of Tennis	796 T 45-2
Wegener, A. B. Church and Community Recreation	790.4 V. 37-2

5

Defiant advertisement in the eminent *Pittsburgh Press*:

\$50 REWARD to any person proving that I legally owe them one dollar, or that I have maliciously assaulted anybody, or made any false statements in my transaction of business, or to any person proving that I am other than a law abiding citizen.

(Signed) JOSEPH W. DEMPSEY,
Rentan, Pa.

6

Sample of virile American journalism from the columns of the respectable *Lewisburg News*:

Joseph B. Lippincott, a Bucknell student, at the peril of his life, saved Mrs. Ella Goho from being crushed under an oncoming train at Montandon. It was the strong arm, the courage and alertness of the athlete at the instant when death called for a victim. How this brave student did it, is almost impossible to describe, so quickly was it all done and the life of a noble woman spared.

Eager for the opportunity to manifest her gratitude for

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her life, she sought him out, and offered him \$2000. Chivalry compounded, pyramided into an illuminating example of willingness to serve—and be a man—he refused!

With everything beating it on double quick, and human selfishness everywhere, there is abundant hope when there are existent and functioning such attributes as are here depicted in the courage of the man, the great heart of the woman, and the chivalrous refusal of gold for duty.

Let no man say that knighthood is dead and that women of wealth are all dumb and cold-hearted when it comes to translating profession into performance.

7

How the science of rain-making is being taken up by Mother Church, as brought to light in the *Erie Times*:

Prayers for rain offered throughout Erie county . . . were answered in small measure . . . when 2-100th of an inch of rain fell. . . . A special rain prayer-meeting was held in the Catholic church in Wesleyville . . . and all during the week people went to communion for the same purpose.

8

Advertisement of the Hon. P. J. Flannigan, candidate for the council of Connellsville, in the *Daily News* of that rising town:

Everybody in the town and all the country folks are asking, "Where is the toilets?" Is there no lavatories? It is a crime and a shame against the wants of nature. Everybody demands those necessities. Have you got no council? No, you have not. All they want is your taxes and they will

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spend it in the back alleys, and you have to run home and there is no place of obscurity to hide you from public view. I say I am a citizen of this town and I carry \$5500 valuation and I demand toilets. If I am elected to council I will see that Connellsville has them. . . . I will erect one for men on Pittsburgh street at the P. R. station, West side of the street. I will also erect one lavatory for women opposite the post office, on the West hand side of the street on city grounds, and if the city does not do it, I will do it out of my own pocket and let them be memorials to Connellsville in my name.

P. J. FLANNIGAN

9

New world's champion discovered in intellectual Philadelphia:

CHAMPION COOK OF THE WORLD

IN FAMOUS DEMONSTRATION

Catch, kill, pick, wash, drip, dip in egg batter and cracker dust, and cook and eat a two pound and a quarter chicken in less than five minutes by your watch.

AT

LIBERTY HALL

13th and South streets

UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

An Exhibition Seen Only Once in a Lifetime

10

Advice to the lovelorn in a recent calendar of the Sacred Heart Church, of Pittsburgh:

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IF YOUR GENTLEMAN FRIEND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE PARISH, MABEL, 'GIVE HIM THE GATE,' FOR HE IS A FOUR-FLUSHER, AND IF HE CHEATS GOD, HE WILL CHEAT YOU!

11

Law Enforcement note from Greencastle:

Private Teofil Govaeski of Troop A, Pennsylvania State police, who is awaiting trial on a charge of slaying Michael Kraynik, East McKeesport confectioner, was today presented with a loving cup by East McKeesport citizens. The cup was inscribed "for meritorious service performed in the interest of law and order." The presentation speech was made by the Rev. C. F. Irwin, pastor of the Wilmerding Presbyterian Church. Kraynik was shot and instantly killed during a raid on his place.

12

Mellow remarks of the Hon. David Elmer Smiley, editor-in-chief of the eminent Philadelphia *Public Ledger*,² in the *Editor and Publisher*:

The editorial page of a newspaper is the place where the beautiful in the English language should find opportunity for proper expression. There is nothing so entrancing, so delightfully resting and soothing, so helpful or so inviting as words expressed in the language of the beautiful. It brightens a newspaper and injects a ray of sunshine that relieves and rests the mind.³

13

From a Christian and 100% American reader of the intellectual Philadelphia *Record*:

While browsing in the Free Library of Philadelphia I discovered a sign over a row of books with the word "Biology," painted in large letters. Imagine my surprise when I read the titles (not the books) of several of them. Here are a few: "Lectures on Evolution," by Ernst Haeckel; "Origin of Species" and "Descent of Man," by Charles Darwin. . . . There is grave danger of these books getting into the hands of the students in our high schools and colleges and perhaps reading them. . . . It is the duty of our chosen representatives, if they have the welfare of our youth at heart, to protect them against the forces of darkness which seek to undermine the foundations of truth by poisoning the youthful mind with ideas. It can be readily seen that it will be useless to pass a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution in the class-rooms of our schools if we are going to permit a leak of this information from the shelves of the public libraries. This leak would soon assume such a size as would be comparable with the leak of intoxicating beverages which our political plumbers seen unable or unwilling to shut off. As a preventative of such leak I would suggest that these books and others of their kind be removed from the shelves and no further appropriations made for additional ones.

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14

Blank distributed to rural Christians by Prohibition Administrator Baird, of the Pittsburgh district:

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Address P. O. Box 538, Pittsburgh, Pa.
(Indicate by checkmark.)

Manufacture..... Sale..... Transportation.....
Storage..... Cutting..... Possession..... Solicita-
tion..... Saloon.....
Restaurant..... Store..... Drug Store..... Dwell-
House..... Hotel..... Garage..... Outhouse
..... Barn.....
Name of Violator.....
Located at No..... Street..... Town.....
Remarks

15

Comment upon the above by the distinguished Pittsburgh
Sun:

Do we carry a grudge against Neighbor Brown? Do we think that maybe he may have a bottle of elderberry wine in his cellar? Check "dwelling house." Check "possession." Write in Neighbor Brown's name and address. Mail the coupon. Mr. Baird's trusty agents will do the rest! And need we sign the form? Does Mr. Baird ask us to give our name as an evidence of good faith? Read: "You will be protected in coöperation with the Federal Government by using the form. . . . Mail the form from some other post office than your own, if you so desire." A malicious heart and a two-cent stamp are all that are required to set a pack of Federal inquisitors upon the house of any man.

16

Brave words of the Rev. John McNeill, D.D., pastor of
the Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia:

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Prohibition in this country has attained an unbelievable amount of success.

17

Confirmation from the *Erie Times*:

Scotch (good)	\$ 55
Scotch (hazard)	48
Rye (good)	115
Rye (no good)	80
Champagne (good)	90
Gin (good)	42
Beer and Ale	unchanged
Cordials (mixed case)	75
Benedictine	90
Benedictine (bad)	72
Absinthe (Swiss)	90
Brandy (good)	84
Chartreuse	72
Crème de Cocoa (imp.)	60
Crème de Menthe	60

18

More from the Pittsburgh region, gathered from the *Wheeling Intelligencer*:

At West Homestead, saloons are operated as in the pre-Volstead era, subject, however, "to strict police supervision."

In scrapping all Prohibition statutes and forming what was termed an independent principality, M. J. Dean, chief of police, defended his defiance of the government by saying:

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"I have but acceded to the demands of the people. If I did not permit the saloons to run, my borough would be cluttered with blind tigers and stills would be as plentiful as cats. And it is likely also that it would mean the murder of some of my policemen. . . . The three saloons, while they sell beer and whisky, handle the stuff with discretion, and West Homestead has fewer drunks than any city or borough of its size in the United States."

Officials of West Homestead were indignant over the seizure of a carload of beer by Federal dry raiders. W. J. Martzold, assistant Prohibition administrator, was arrested and charged with violating a health ordinance because part of the beer was dumped in the street.

19

How the 100% Americans of Berks and adjacent counties keep their communities free of poisonous alien influences, as revealed by the Reading *Eagle*:

A resolution opposing the erection of a monument to the memory of Christopher Columbus in Penn's Common as contemplated by the Sons of Italy, and requesting the Mayor and members of Council not to grant a permit for the purpose, was unanimously passed at the meeting of the allied commanderies of the P. O. S. of A.² of Berks and adjacent counties. . . . The resolution . . . follows in part:

"Resolved, That we oppose the movement to place a statue of Christopher Columbus in Penn's Common, declaring that we only favor the placing of these marks of respect in honor of those who are native heroes and sons of the soil of America. . . ."

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Item of legislative news from Harrisburg:

The House bill prohibiting the display of bare legs or any part of the human body on the stage was recommitted by the House to the committee on iron and coal.

RHODE ISLAND

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How race suicide in the town of Jamestown is being combated, as revealed by a public notice in the *Town Crier*:

NOTICE TO WOMEN

Price for Maternity Case, 2 wks., \$50 one baby; for twins, \$25.00; for triplets, WE PAY THE PATIENT A BONUS.

DR. BATE'S SANITORIUM

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Law Enforcement news from Woonsocket, in the *Providence Bulletin*:

Saloon keepers of Woonsocket were instructed by policemen to close up their saloons on Saturday night and not to open them until Monday morning.

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Questionnaire submitted to advanced students at the University of South Carolina:

Did you attend Sunday-school as a child? How regularly? How long?

Are you conscious that the Sunday-school influenced you in consciously becoming a Christian? In what way?

Did you hear preaching regularly as you grew up?

What was the general type of preaching and its theology, such as total depravity, sin, salvation, damnation, etc.?

Have you ever undergone the experience commonly called conversion?

Describe the experience and your feelings leading up to the experience.

Describe the experience itself and your feelings during and immediate after.

What were the immediate after-effects of the experience?

Are you conscious of any influence of the experience remaining in your life today? What?

If you did not have a definite conversion experience, when did you become aware that you were religious?

What were your feelings and what did it mean to you when you first realized that you were religious?

Describe the process by which you consciously became religious.

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2

Exultant gloat in *Blease's Weekly*:

Senator Blease's¹ biography shows him to be a member of the following fraternal organizations: Improved Order of Red Men, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose, Knights of Pythias, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Woodmen of the World. In three of these bodies he has had the honor of holding the following high stations: He has been a Past Chancellor Commander in the Knights of Pythias; Dictator of the Loyal Order of Moose; Great Sachem and Great Representative of the Improved Order of Red Men; and Grand Master, Grand Patriarch and Grand Representative of Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. These honors in fraternal organizations have been held by no other South Carolinian.

3

Sociological news item from Orangeburg:

Love powders, said to possess potent powers in match-making, are the basis of a brisk trade among the colored element of Orangeburg. Druggists catering to this trade are said to be doing a heavy business. Reluctant and unresponsive maidens of the dusky race are said to yield very readily to the powers of these powders. The powders are said to be most effective when sprinkled over the head of the object of affection. When this cannot be accomplished, a generous portion placed beneath the door of her room is said to work the magic charm which delivers her into the wooing arms of her yearning suitor.

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Further proof of God's partiality for His ministers on earth, as brought to light by a Greenville news report:

A congregation listening to the revival sermon of M. F. Ham in the tabernacle on Fall street could not hear what the speaker was saying because of rain pattering on the roof. The evangelist paused in his sermon. Then he prayed: "Lord, Thou hast the control of the elements in Thy hand. If it be Thy will that Thy servant deliver this difficult message to this people, wilt Thou stay the hand of the storm that the people may hear undisturbed, for we ask it in Jesus's name. Amen." Then he resumed his sermon, and had not uttered half a dozen sentences before the rain ceased.

5

Recreations of an Anderson worthy:

Colonel Lewis Campbell, Confederate veteran, 81 years of age, was recently married to Mrs. Mary C. Harris, whose age is 69. . . . Colonel Campbell is a man of many distinctions, although he is really 81 years of age. . . . To show the suppleness of this veteran, he has a stunt of sitting on the floor and scratching his head with his big toe.

6

Progress of the New Morality in the Christian town of Aiken:

"The Peddler of Hearts," a folk play, was planned under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church, and in designing the announcement cards the local artist ornamented them with the figures of two attractive

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ballet dancers in very much abbreviated ruffles, which displayed the dimpled knees of the dancers. This show of feminine charms to the general public greatly shocked the older and less exuberant ladies, and at once the placards were removed, and two more deep lace flounces added to the scanty ballet attire. Today the redraped little dancers appeared again in the many shop windows, but the beautiful monogrammed garters were hidden and the charming pink dimpled knees were covered in frills.

7

Sign hanging in the window of a shop in the fair town of Seneca :

TRIPE, CIGARETTES AND FIDDLES

8

Moral reflections of the Christian editor of the *Baptist Visitor*, published at Spartanburg:

However unpopular this may be, we yet feel duty bound to say a word on the subject of "all day singings" that infest this section of the country. Singing is all right, and a splendid way to voice our praise, but when it turns into an all day frolic, with dinner served, with the dashing to and fro of autos, the customary number of courting couples parked around the grounds, the presence of some singing agent of a song publisher advertising the latest book, and all that goes with a gathering of that kind, we are compelled to protest and say that it is turning God's Sabbath into a day of fun and frolic. . . .

Another kindred evil is that of birthday dinners on the Sabbath. Too many people arrange their birthdays so as to

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have them come on Sunday and then send out a call to neighbors and friends to join in having a feast with the revelry that usually accompanies such occasions. It is all right to celebrate an anniversary, especially if that milestone can be made to record the fact that you are one year nearer eternal rest. However we note the fact that oftentimes people are called from their customary places of worship in order to attend an all day affair of this character. Have we the right to ask our friends and kindred to forsake the house of the Lord in order to eat a big dinner in our honor? Let these occasions be on other days.

SOUTH DAKOTA

I

Æsthetic appreciation among the lawmakers of this sterling American State, as disclosed in the enterprising Sioux Falls Press:

Discussing a proposed appropriation of \$10,000 for the purchase of land for a State experimental rose garden, Representative Berry remarked: "If the money was for grounds for raising beans, I might be for it, but I don't see any use in buying ground to raise flowers on."

2

Contribution to the science of international peace, credited to Coach¹ Liem, of the Huron College football team:

If every high-school and college in France, Germany, Russia and England had a football team, the world would never have another war.

3

Saintly recreations of the Christians of Groton:

C. S. Carter won the pancake-eating championship of South Dakota last night. He ate fifty-one cakes in 0:35 flat, the time allotted by the local church committee in charge of the

affair. He bettered by eight the record set a few moments earlier by W. P. G. Meyers.

4

Contribution to the New Pathology by the learned Prof. Dr. W. A. Robinson, of Sisseton:

Pernicious anæmia is a case of slowly starving to death, no difference how much they eat. When the food is digested in the stomach the liquid extract of the food passes into the small intestines, where it should be taken into the system through tiny tubes to make blood, flesh and strength; but lying in wait are from 300 to 700 anæmias, many as large as the first joint of your finger. They absorb the extract of the food—THEY GET THEIRS FIRST—and the system gets what is left. . . . Some doctors say it is mal-nutrition. I agree with that, but it is no wonder; the system stands no show when a hungry herd of anæmias get all the nutriment.

5

Recreations of the he-men of the up-and-coming town of Faith, as reported in the *Gazette* of the same metropolis:

The Fords must be open cars and must be cranked by hand. They line up on the track with engines running. At the signal the contestants race one lap around the track, coming to a stop and shutting off the engine. The driver then climbs the fence, grabs a pig from one of the pens placed beside the judges' stand and runs back to his machine. He must then crank it and once more drive around the track, keeping hold of the pig all the time. If the pig gets away the driver must stop and catch it before proceeding with the race. When the contestant arrives at the wire the second time, he stops, returns

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the pig to its pen and climbs back into his machine. The first contestant to accomplish this is acclaimed the winner and gets the money.

6

A distinguished State official in the *Argus Leader*:

Sociology, the bastard offspring of French atheism and Russian nihilism, is honeycombing the social fabric of America and threatens the foundations. It is the parent of every dangerous doctrine that has disturbed the nation in the last thirty years. It is alike degenerating to teacher and pupil. It is more dangerous to sanity than the loco-weed and more explosive than dynamite. Its devotees call it science, but it is really no more scientific than the urim and thummin. Its postulates are preposterous and its prophecies are refuted by the inexorable logic of events. It is firmly established in our universities and colleges and is filling the minds of our youth with iconoclasm and disloyalty. It is a drug that destroys the reasoning powers of its addicts. I am wondering how long a loyal and patriotic people will tolerate it.

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News of sorcery among the Fundamentalists, from the eminent *Illinois Central Magazine*:

Working in the Nonconnah shops of the Illinois Central System at Memphis, is a Negro car repairer, Willis Watson, who claims to have divine power to ignite handkerchiefs by blowing his breath on them. The strange part of it is that he can do it. He folds a handkerchief on the bias once, gathers it into the palms of his hands held cup-shaped, makes a little pocket in the center of the cloth with his thumbs, brings his hands to his mouth, gently exhales just once and closes his hands over the handkerchief, thus forming a ball of cloth with his breath entrapped in the center. He then rolls the ball between the palms of his hands for not more than five seconds, and a thin line of smoke begins to rise. As soon as he sees the smoke he unfolds the handkerchief, and it bursts into flame.

When he was twelve years old he attended a revival meeting at Jackson, Tenn., conducted by the Rev. Sam Jones, the famous evangelist, and returned home determined to live the life of a Christian. That night he declares that a brilliant light about the size of a silver dollar appeared before him with the form of a beautiful child silhouetted in the background. Above and at the sides of this light appeared mysterious inscriptions in six different languages, only one of which, in English, was he able to read. "Read the twenty-

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sixth chapter of St. Matthew and the Spirit will call your attention to words that you will remember," he claims the inscription directed him. "These words, which will be in various parts of that book of the Bible, will form a complete sentence when put together. Repeat this sentence to any dry substance as you blow your breath on it, and it will catch fire and burn up."

2

Result of an examination of students at the Knoxville High School, as reported by the eminent *Sentinel*:

At least 50 per cent of the students were unable to tell the location of the District of Columbia. Among the answers to that question were: "A small portion of land between Delaware and West Virginia"—"Off coast of West Virginia"—"Northwest part of United States"—"Between Maryland and New Jersey"—"A part of Canada."

3

From a public bull of the Hon. Austin Peay, Governor of this great State:

There is a movement on foot to repeal the anti-evolution law.¹ Having approved the bill after full consideration, and my views being matured and positive in regard to it, I would promptly veto any repeal. Others may be ashamed of our stand. But as for myself, I am proud of it.

4

Progress of Christian sentiment in Knoxville:

J. H. Diggs, Knoxville, barber, thinks bobbing of women's

hair is contrary to the Scriptures, and has closed his shop to female customers.

5

Religious notice in the Johnson City *Chronicle*:

HOLINESS TABERNACLE

408 West Main St.

MRS. WILLIAM PRICE, *Pastor*

The Rev. Pat Palmer, who eats no breakfast and prays longer than he eats any meal, who has been in jail several times and had a rope around his neck a time or two and is now on his way to Australia, is with us. Come out and take a peep at this peculiar man.

6

News item in the Nashville *Tennessean*:

Students at Southern Junior College, at Ooltewah, under control of the Seventh Day Adventists,² made a huge fire of vanity accessories, story books, papers and music on the campus, burning everything which they consider worldly. The bonfire was accompanied by an impressive ceremony, in which the students pledged themselves to put out of their lives idols which have kept them from the Master.

7

News-note from the Memphis *News-Scimitar*:

Two ambulance companies refused to administer first aid to or carry Will King, Negro, to the hospital after he had been seriously injured in an automobile accident on the corner of Poplar avenue and Second street. Ambulances which

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answered the emergency call refused to touch the Negro, who lay gasping in the gutter in front of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. One ambulance, upon hearing that a Negro was the emergency patient, sped away, witnesses say. The other pulled up half a block from the scene of the accident, and stood by for 15 minutes. . . . The injured Negro is in a critical condition at the General Hospital. He is suffering from a fracture at the base of his skull and a fracture of the back.

8

The technique of necking^a in the Genesis Belt, as described by an indignant reader of the Etowah *Enterprise*:

In the interest of common decency I want to register a protest against such conduct as I am going to attempt to describe, which occurred on the Athens-Etowah pike in open day. . . . There was a car parked directly in front of my door with five occupants. . . . I noticed the back of a man bent over something beside him, and a woman's hand on his neck. . . . The five of them . . . talked, laughed, played tricks on each other, pinched each other, snatched caps, and ate. . . . Suddenly without any cause that I could see, the young woman in the front seat fell bodily on the young man, grabbed him around the neck in a vice-like grip and jammed her face into his Adam's apple. In the course of ten or fifteen minutes she repeated the onslaught half a dozen times or more, with variations. Sometimes she would clutch him frantically and pull his head down on her chest and hold him close. Once she enveloped him in her embrace and batted her face into his jugular vein; another variation was butting her head into his breastbone while she gripped him in her arms. Once she folded him to her bosom with one arm, and tousled and

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rumpled his hair with her free hand, another time varied it by dropping herself on his person and rubbing her face into his, and in another enthusiastic spasm she massaged and rubbed and patted his face. To all of these manipulations he submitted in a truly sheep-like manner. . . .

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9

Contribution to moral science by the editor of the *Banner* of Lebanon, seat of Cumberland Presbyterian University:

The biographies of all great men show them more sublime in the last scene of the last act of their lives. Socrates took the shamrock rather than submit to the abuse of enraged ignorance.

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I

Contribution to theology in the Dallas *Musical*:

Evangelist G. A. Dunn, Jr., spoke to a capacity audience at the Central Church of Christ on "Why Instrumental Music Should Not Be Used in the Worship." The speaker essayed to show that . . . because an instrument is proper in the home or heaven does not justify its use in the church today. He also declared . . . that Jesus, the apostles and disciples sang, and asserted that he would be converted to the use of man-made instruments if one would show him that Jesus or the apostles ever touched one of these instruments.

2

Contribution to science by the Rev. Alfred E. Seddon, D.D., a distinguished Presbyterian divine of El Paso:

Electricity as a force in nature has existed ever since man has been upon the earth—6,000 years about. . . . Under God's tuition I see no reason why Adam might not have had a radio in his home, through which he might have listened to the anthems of the angels.

3

News item from the celebrated Houston *Post-Dispatch*:

Following some criticism by Confederate veterans the newly designated name of the Abraham Lincoln school was changed to Sidney Lanier,¹ and that of the Theodore Roosevelt school was changed to Albert Sidney Johnston,² at an informal meeting of the school board.

4

From an official bull by the Hon. W. G. Higgins, president of the San Antonio Lions Club:

Business is a religion these days; it is being purified and glorified. . . . The world is growing better, the spirit of Christmastide permeates the human fabric of our blessed land, and in the flight of time the mysterious processes of the universe seem to be bringing the world into closer relationship and under the benign influence of heaven. So mote it be!

5

News of the Texas learned world, from the *Alcade*, published by the alumni of the State university:

Dr. J. A. Fitzgerald, professor of business administration, has become a Rotarian.

6

Dispatch from the rising town of Wharton:

An ordinance which went into effect here yesterday ordering that all chickens within the city limits be kept in pens included the clause, "all chickens found out of their pens after this date shall be given to the preachers of Wharton."

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7

Divertissements of the he-men of Galveston:

Approximately sixty Kiwanians and ladies attended the ladies' night cabaret-vaudeville programme given at Gaido's. At the conclusion of the programme a handshaking contest was staged, wherein all men were required to shake hands with as many ladies as they could in the space of one minute. J. M. Parke won with a total of seventy-four handshakings.

8

Want ad in the Orange *Daily Leader*:

WANTED, BOY—High-school graduate to work in general merchandise store in small interior town and learn to be a shoemaker. One who can help milk the cow and play in the band preferred. Must be youth of clean habits; cigarette smokers, sheiks and loafers need not apply. Boy who understands Diesel gas-engine and Fordson tractor will be given preference. Users of intoxicating liquors and profane language will not be considered. Boy who gets this job must not be too proud and aristocratic to mingle with the live stock and chickens and help out in the kitchen now and then. Tenor singer who is a good strike-out baseball pitcher will find this an ideal situation. Must be early riser and not afraid of work. You will work in a very healthful climate, with beautiful surroundings, fine fishing, woodlands abound in wild game and flowers. Horse to ride Sunday afternoons. Good chance to learn a trade and the principles of business and see the country. Must be a good salesman. Apply in your own handwriting, sending late photographs with three recommendations. \$12 a month to start for live wire, with chance to buy interest in the business. Employer can furnish board

and room at \$9.50, if you will mow the lawn in your spare time. Address "Newton," care Orange *Daily Leader*.

9

Manifesto issued to a candid world by the Hon. E. M. Edwards, of Georgetown:

Bishop Jas. E. Dickey, Presiding Over Central Texas Conference, Of Methodist Church South at Waxahachie, Refused this day to Take or Hear Detail of Complain, Neither did the Bishop appoint any Committee to investigate this matter, GIVEN BY WRITER, and THAT WRITER, A RESIDENT OF GEORGETOWN, THINKS IS BORDERING ON THE WORST FORM OF INFIDELITY, OR AT LEAST HERESY. Is civilization itself not being attacked, as well as Christianity?

On Sunday, July 26, 1925, Sunday 10 A.M. at Sunday School, in the Methodist Church South, at Georgetown, Texas, the teacher of the Men's Bible Class, a Mr. Claude Howard, and who is also a teacher in the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, made the following remarks, to wit:

This is a day of FREE THOUGHT, LIBERALISM, NEW THOUGHT, etc., "and that it is not necessary, in my judgment that one belong to any church whatsoever to go to Heaven," stating further he had all respect for Sun Worshipers, or any other so called heathen god worshipers, and that he saw no reason why that all worshipers of every kind should not be saved.

I kept shaking my head at Mr. Howard telling him that I could not agree with him and it was at this time that I asked him if he were not a Universalist himself? Whereupon he replied, that "I am often called a Universalist," never

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at any time denying that he was a Universalist; then it was that Mr. Howard asked Rev. Renfro his opinion along this line. Rev. Renfro replying that I heartily indorse all you have said and will change my former subject and preach along this thought at 8 P. M. During this night sermon I took down the following remarks, to wit:

"I DON'T THINK IT AT ALL NECESSARY FOR ANY ONE TO BELONG TO ANY CHURCH TO BE SAVED" (He said this in spite of Christ's words. "He that Believeth and is Baptized shall be saved",)

"It is not Necessary to KEEP ANY PARTICULAR DAY AS A DAY OF REST OR SABBATH DAY. JUST KEEP ANY ONE THAT IS THE MOST CONVENIENT TO KEEP. BUT DON'T BE SO CAREFUL TO KEEP IT SO STRICT AS OUR PURITAN FATHERS DID" (Yet the Bible set a certain day, and said "Remember the SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY")

"I DO NOT SAY THAT A PERSON IS NOT A CHRISTIAN WHO ATTENDS THE DANCE" (We are told that John the Baptist lost his head because of the dance). When he had finished his sermon, I went to him and asked him if he meant it like he said; but he turned aside and refused to discuss it further with me.

ON Sunday Nov. 1st, 1925, Rev. Renfro in his sermon said this is a day of "NEW THOUGHT"

The Presiding Elder being out of town, and I did not know what else to do I wrote the above facts to Bishop Dickey, at Waco, but with no reply, and at same time I sent a copy of these Charges to the Presiding Elder, whom I have always known to love; but afterwards the Presiding Elder met me on the street and volunteered the conversa-

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tion, talking very unkind to me for making the above complaints.

In the first part of 1925, Rev. Renfro had a Rev. Martin J. Culberth, from a city further North, to assist him in a meeting at Georgetown, Rev. Culberth speaking at the church at 7 P. M. and at the Southwestern at 10 A. M.

It was one or the other of these places that Rev. Culberth spoke of wanting to do away with the WHITE MAN'S PRIMARY IN THE SOUTH ALSO THE JIM CROW LAWS, which keep the whites and negroes separate, thus teaching, as I see, social equality between the negroes and whites. When Rev. Culberth had made his last talk at the church, it was then that the President of the Southwestern University and the Rev. Renfro, arose with a paper of indorsement that they read to the church, of Rev. Culberth's preaching, giving paper to Rev. Culberth.

As stated the Bishop, this day refused to take the above complaint. May we not pray that God will give us more MARTIN LUTHERS to nail up more truths protesting against such actions as the Bishop has taken in this case.

I am very kindly yours for old time Southern Methodism and to fight all untruthful evolution, or Modernism, or any other form of infidelity.

E. M. EDWARDS,
Georgetown, Texas.

10

Contribution to faunal physiology by the Rev. Dr. Leon H. Sweetland, of El Paso:

A girl's natural impulse at the touch of a man is revulsion.

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News item from the town of Holland:

Because he spent his last sixty-five cents for a copy of Shakespeare, a charge of juvenile delinquency was filed in court against Johnny Meggs, of Holland, and he was yesterday sentenced to one to three years in the State Training School for Boys at Gatesville.

12

Contribution to moral science by the Rev. A. B. Reynolds, reported in the *Christian Courier*, published at Dallas:

Nine out of every ten men I talked to confessed to me that a man can not get into the compromising positions that must be indulged in to dance the modern dance and go through the movements that must be gone through in the modern dance and at the same time be thinking about his next Sunday-school lesson. It can't be done.

13

A San Antonio dispatch to the distinguished New York *Times*:

Rum-running jackasses carry liquor from Mexico into the United States without paying duty, head tax, back tax or anything else. These burros are owned by Mexicans who take them across the river, tie kegs of tequila, a powerful Mexican liquor, on their backs, and then turn the animals loose to find their way home alone. Back on the bank of the Rio Grande stands the lone, rum-running jackass. His

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home is somewhere across the river. His homing instinct tells him what to do. The trips profit the master about \$200 each, for the donkey can carry as much as sixty quarts.

14

Proud record of Professor E. R. Sims, of the University of Texas, as brought to light by the Austin *American*:

E. R. Sims, professor of Spanish, has not missed a Longhorn^s football, baseball, basketball, track, cross-country, or tennis game played in Austin in seven years. Professor Sims became a member of the faculty nine years ago, was away from the university in 1921 and 1922, and during the time he was here he attended every athletic contest.

15

Card of a scientist of the open spaces:

DR. J. W. McDONALD

The Specialist Chronic Diseases. Giney Cologey And Obstetrics, Eye, Ear Diseas Cancers, Tumors, Pelegra, Ect.

No Charges for Consultations.

Office Hours 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

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16

Net effect of the Scopes trial in this great State, as gathered from a San Antonio dispatch:

High school textbooks containing reference to the theory of evolution were ordered clipped here today by Superin-

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tendent of Schools Marshall Johnston, following orders from the State Textbook Commission. Twenty pages dealing with man's probable descent from lower animals were snipped by the teachers. "The old-time religion is good enough for me," said Mr. Johnston when asked his views concerning the teaching of evolution.

17

Scientific, æsthetic and social note from the *Dallas Journal*:

A novel entertainment has been planned for the animals of the Dallas Municipal Zoological Gardens at Marsalis Park. Next week the Melba Theatre will play a screen vision of A. Conan Doyle's "The Lost World," featuring a lot of prehistoric scenes showing the mammals that walked the earth before human flesh took its present forms. The Melba management will take the film, a portable screen and projection machine to Marsalis Park and show the animals the ferocious monsters that are said to be their ancestors. A few local scientists will be taken along to observe the reactions of the lions and tigers.

UTAH

I

Melancholy notice in the distinguished Salt Lake City
Tribune:

NOTICE

My wife and I have divided our possessions. My wife gets all of the real estate and personal property and I get two bits per day, board, and sleep in the smokehouse. On and after this date, each one of us pays our own bills,

(Signed) DR. CHARLES E. TOLHURST
284 Vine street

2

Proof of a thirst for knowledge in Salt Lake City, as revealed by the question-box department of the *Tribune*:

*No man can take knowledge from you. It is the pass-key to the door of success. It is life's greatest treasure. **

Knowledge may be acquired by the simple effort of using the free information service that the Tribune maintains for the pleasure and profit of its readers. The scope of this bureau is national and international. . . .

Q. What is the name of Jackie Coogan's¹ baby brother?
—S. P.

A. His name is Robert Anthony.

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3

Ethico-legal pronunciamento by the distinguished *Deseret News*:

Any writer who directly or indirectly encourages the use of cigarettes is a menace and should be barred from the public prints.

4

How God is served among the Gentiles, as revealed by the *Standard-Examiner* of Ogden:

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SERVICE

The puzzle will be solved by the congregation during the service.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE

Sunday 7:30

5

Significant footnote on a new science, from the Ogden *Standard-Examiner*:

„Pete Visser, former Ogden fireman and wrestler, is now a chiropractor ² at Houston, Texas.

VERMONT

I

Editorial note in the *Springfield Reporter*:

We are advised that an error appeared in the columns of this paper in which it was announced that a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Balch at the hospital. At the request of the party, we make the announcement that Wallace Balch is unmarried. Neither is he the father of a child.

VIRGINIA

I

Workings of the higher powers in Norfolk:

When E. W. Burroughs, electrician in the United States Navy, and Henry T. Stone, a blind fisherman, are together in a darkened room queer things are likely to happen. The furniture may take a jaunt across the floor and rearrange itself. A picture is quite likely to tumble from its hangings. A bed coverlet or carpet may rise as by magic and sail about the room.

The public learned of the peculiar psychic partnership recently through friends of the pair, who called on them to take them motoring. Burroughs and Stone entered the car, which thereafter refused to respond to its self-starter. Without showing surprise, Burroughs got out. Immediately the motor started. He walked a few yards down the road, waited for the car to catch up, and jumped aboard. The motor died.

Burroughs noticed the queer power first when he was 7 years old, he says. He met Stone and they began playing in a field. Without warning, a large clod of dirt rose up and spattered their faces. Frightened, they ran into a nearby barn, when potatoes began hopping from a bin and harness on the pegs began a jingling dance.

2

Machinations of Beelzebub among the Fundamentalists of the Virginia hills, as described in a letter to the celebrated Baltimore *Sunpaper*:

I wish to make a correction regarding the arrest of Dr. E. J. Bulgin while fishing. It was stated he was arrested and fined for fishing without a license.

He did fish without a license, but was the guest of Mr. H. H. Hudson, of this town. The State game and fish laws of Virginia provide that a non-resident may fish without a license, being a guest of a resident—Section 3209, Page 64. Mr. Hudson took Dr. Bulgin in his car, paid for the bait and boat and furnished the dinner. Dr. Bulgin and his party are also guests of the town of Luray and Page county.

We think the laws should be enforced when violated, but we, in the light of Section 3209, don't believe Dr. Bulgin violated any fishing laws. Still, he was fined.

Dr. Bulgin is one of the strongest and most widely known evangelists in the country, is a law-abiding citizen and stands for law enforcement. He preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his work makes men better and gives the devil a black eye. The devil always tries to undo Dr. Bulgin's work and uses human instrumentality to carry out his (the devil's) plans.

Luray, Va.

R. G. SISK

3

Ecclesiastical notice in the *Richmond News Leader*:

THOU SHALT SEE MY BACK PARTS.

Exodus 33:23

will be the subject of a lecture by,

RUSSELL R. MILLER

Pythian Hall, Massey Building

Sunday, at 8 p. m.

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4

The Rev. Dr. J. Luther Sieber, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Roanoke, as reported by the *Times* of the same town:

David was the first Boy Scout.

WASHINGTON

1

From the report of a divorce suit in Spokane:

Because at breakfast her husband milked milk from the goat's udder directly into his coffee, the wife is suing for divorce. She insists that neither she nor any other person of refinement can stand such table manners.

2

Proud boast of the distinguished *Seattle Record*:

No drive to cut off the supply of bootleg liquor has ever been successful in Seattle. There never has been a time when liquor was not plentiful here. There are unquestionably more bootleggers operating in this town than there are policemen, deputy sheriffs and federal dry agents combined.

3

Current advertisement in leading organs of the Affican race:

King Solomon instructed King Hiram to employ black men to work on the Temple. The book entitled, "The Black Man Was the Father of Civilization," has the above matter in it. (Proven by Biblical history.) It gives 2,000 years of the black man's history in the Bible. Agents' wanted. Write

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Rev. Jas. M. Webb, 1107 Yakima ave., Seattle, Wash. A picture of Jesus as a colored man with woolly hair and a book proving the same. Price \$1.

4

How the æsthetic spirit is spreading to the professors of swine husbandry, as revealed in a recent bulletin of the Pullman Agricultural Experiment Station:

There is refinement, alertness and sweetness in a feminine sow.

5

Patriotic dictum of Senator C. C. Dill, as reported in a recent Tacoma dispatch:

The United States stands as representative of the highest state of civilization . . . which has been seen upon the earth.

6

Spiritual problems discussed by the Rev. C. J. Hawkins, D.D., pastor of the Plymouth Church, Seattle, as disclosed by an advertisement in the *Post-Intelligencer*:

Do you think it showed a weakness on the part of Ethel Barrymore¹ to have her hair bobbed that she might be in style?

•
Did President Coolidge act wisely in excluding the communist, Mr. Saklatvala, from the United States?

Do you think it probable that the sheriff knew of the selling of liquor in the county jail only after the jail break?

7

Appearance of a new form of Service in Seattle, as revealed by an advertisement in the New Thought² journals:

What ARE

ENERGICIANS?

They are specialists in the development, direction and control of ENERGY—the basic force of *Universal Life*—within the Human Mind and Body.

ENERGICIANS, INC.

Health Service Associates

offer a superior health service *right in your own home* by the very best, simplest, easiest of the proven methods, *without the cost of one cent for consultation.*

Repair the damages of sickness and disease. Restore the fagged-out body; clear and quicken the fogged and lagging brain—rebuild and RE-ENERGIZE them—then you will thrill with the joy and power of real health and true efficiency.

What is YOUR TROUBLE?

No matter what it is, write to Energicians, Inc., about it. Explain your ailment fully. A staff of International Health Service Associates will do everything possible to help you. Write them *now*. Enclose only 6 cents for postage and helpful literature.

Address Letters to Dept. N

ENERGICIANS, INC.

6110 PHINNEY AVENUE

SEATTLE, WASH.

WEST VIRGINIA

I

Rise of a new world's champion among the feudists, as reported in a dispatch by the electric telegraph from Morgantown:

After a practice session last week during which he devoured two cheese sandwiches, six pork chops, one large loaf of Italian bread, a dish of lettuce salad and another loaf of bread, Louis Tsirigotis, owner of a lunch wagon, has announced he will go after the world's eating record some time this week. His tentative menu includes twelve pounds of fish, four loaves of bread, five cups of coffee and two dozen eggs. Police officers will referee the contest.

2

Progress of Christian refinement among the high voltage he-men of Wheeling, as revealed by the esteemed *Register*:

The Kiwanians were highly entertained at their luncheon at the McLure Hotel with a cock-fighting exhibition, staged by Earl Braunlich. Three rounds were fought by the birds with buffers on their tapier-like spurs.

3

Notice in the Fairmount *Times*:

You are hereby notified not to take our daughter, Vallie

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Harper, in your car. Anyone not heeding this notice will be dealt with to the full limit of the law.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HARPER

Horton, Box 16

4

Political notice from the eminent *Charleston Gazette*:

STATEMENT

I have not at any time made the statement attributed to me that I would, if elected mayor of South Charleston, close the town. Anyone circulating such report is misrepresenting the truth.

J. H. HUMPHREYS.

WISCONSIN

I

Occult doings in the chapel of St. Joseph's Hospital at Milwaukee, as reported by the correspondent of the eminent Chicago *Tribune*:

Following the celebration of mass, the exorcism ritual was begun. In Latin, a language of which the woman was ignorant, the following questions were asked:

"Who are you?"

"Beezelbub," was the reply that issued from the throat of the woman in a deep, masculine tone.

"How is it that you possess this woman?" was the next query.

"Because of malediction," came the answer.

"At what time will you leave her?"

"At 2 o'clock."

In the course of the reading of the exorcism ritual, the woman broke in with the cry, "Send me to some person or place upon the earth, but do not send me back to hell."

At 2 o'clock, six hours after the ritual had begun, no change was visible in the woman's actions. Father Justin, a monk, then berated the devil with, "You are a maledictive liar, Beezelbub! You have not left this woman, as you promised."

At 5:30, however, the woman was seen to relax as if from sheer exhaustion. The questioning was continued.

"Do you know where you are?" asked Father Theophilus.

The woman then answered in her natural voice, "I am in church."

Asked if she knew the reason for her presence there, she replied, "I can't remember coming here."

The woman was then taken to her room in the hospital. Hundreds of persons daily are seeking admittance to the hospital but no one is allowed to see the patient.

2

Workings of the Holy Spirit in the faubourgs of Fond du Lac, as disclosed in a United Press dispatch from that fair city:

The little village of St. Nazianz is in a turmoil of excitement over a seemingly superhuman occurrence reported to the parish priest by a dozen relatives and the nurse who were watching at the death bed of Mrs. William Broeket. According to the story, at the moment of the woman's death the whole house was enveloped in a blinding light and watchers say they heard a faint noise resembling the fluttering of wings.

3

News item from the *Daily Cardinal*, the journal of the State University:

The co-eds¹ of Bradley Polytechnic are holding a suppressed desire dance for co-eds only.

4

Encouraging report from Sheboygan by the Rev. Dr. Hutton, secretary of the Wisconsin Anti-Saloon League:

In the trial I attended, the judge administered the oath to

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the jury in words nobody could understand, a police officer got up and with his head and thumb indicated that the jury-men were to follow him, the jury went out, and came right back. The saloonkeeper was acquitted. He had admitted that he sold wine, but he said it was a poor grade.

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Sermon-subject at a Methodist tabernacle in Beaver Dam:

ARE CHRISTIANS CRAZY?

6

Contribution to medical science by the learned chief editorial writer of the *Wisconsin News*, published at Milwaukee:

Cigarette smoking makes women's noses red and causes a moustache to grow.

7

The rewards of larval journalists at the University of Wisconsin, as revealed by the *Daily Cardinal*, the official student publication of the University:

Ten minutes before the examination in the copy-reading^a course of the journalism department, awards are to be given to the sections who have made up the best front page and the best editorial page of a newspaper. Oranges will be given to the section making up the best front page, and bananas to the section making up the handsomest editorial page.

Profound deliberations of the apostles of Service in the town of Waukesha:

A much heated discussion by way of debate is to come up at a joint meeting of the Waukesha Kiwanis Club and the Waukesha Rotary Club on Thursday night. The question is, "Resolved, That the use of the old fashioned night shirt is more beneficial to the health of the community than are pajamas." The Rotary Club will uphold the pajama while the Kiwanis will defend the night shirt.

WYOMING

I

Two adjoining items lifted from a recent issue of the *Casper Herald*:

The funeral of Mrs. Harry Seaman, who died at her home in the Thorndale addition, was held at the Shaffer-Gay chapel. Spiritualistic services were observed, with Madame J. Rea Keyes in charge.

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CARD OF THANKS

In sincere appreciation this message is addressed to the First Spiritualist Church of Casper, the Standard Refinery, the city firemen, and the community at large.

MRS. HARRY SEAMAN

HAWAII

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Progress of the Higher Learning where the anthropophagi lately raged, as disclosed by the enterprising Honolulu *Advertiser*:

The University of Hawaii is planning to begin an extension course in real estate.

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From the advertising columns of the learned Honolulu *Advertiser*:

Nice two bedroom house in Makiki District near Kapiolani Maternity Home. Just the home for a newly married couple. Easy payment. Price\$4500.00

3

How Christians are made in the Sandwich Islands, as revealed by the erudite Honolulu *Star-Bulletin*:

Honolulu will be warned within the next few weeks that the people of the city are turning away from God; and that warning will come in the shape of a large number of sudden deaths among those who are unbelievers, was the statement made Sunday night by Dr. French E. Oliver, evangelist, speaking at the Oliver Tabernacle on Punchbowl street, to a

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crowd of Honoluluans, who almost filled the building. "During the past twelve months there has been a rapid increase in the number of sudden and violent deaths," said Dr. Oliver. "Between 95 and 98 per cent of those who were killed have been shown by statistics to have been non-professed Christians."

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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The boons of democracy spread to this blessed land:
RELIGIOUS HEADQUARTERS AGENCY AND
JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
HEAVENLY GOVERNMENT

Saint Thomas, V. I.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND BELOVED BRETHREN:
GREETINGS THE WORLD OVER:

In pending the Bill of Attribution of the Universal Kingdom posted from since 1901, indispensable of order created religion of which I am commissioned by authority of the Heavenly Government to make known the Will indicating freedom to be a general public spirit of religion issued by Government thus formulates judgment in common, a domestic power of the Christian life condescended to man indefinitely, by the inconceivable greatness of God Almighty, and identified knowledge of the Apostolate Power and Glory of Manhood of His Divine Majesty King Jehovah, from the same year 1901, represented in the House of Assembly as Judge of the Supreme Court of His Government, and Minister of, the Universal Kingdom to take care of the people it needs your support.

St. Thomas, V. I., U. S. A.

ALEXANDER BASTIAN,
Minister of the Universal Kingdom,
and Royally Appointed Officer of
the Judgment.

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Cablegram from Mr. Basil Wood, correspondent of the Universal Service in Paris:

Marooned amid the cosmopolitan throng at the corner of the Rue de la Paix and the Rue Daunou this morning, a slender man, who was evidently bewildered, informed a policeman, who could not understand him, that he had lost his way.

It was James Oliver Curwood, famous American novelist, who can trail a bear through the wilderness of the North with no other signs than broken twigs and bruised tree bark, but who confesses himself lost in Paris every time he leaves his hotel.

"I wish I was back in Michigan," Curwood declared to me as he boarded a train with his wife and family for Rome. "There is more culture, architecture, knowledge, education and fundamental truth in one acre of Northern woods than in all Europe."

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United Press dispatch from New York:

One hundred and fifty-two Bacardi cocktails in two hours is the record hung up by four passengers on the S.S. *Resolute*,

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in from a fourteen-day cruise to the West Indies. The record might have been higher, only the bar ran out of orange juice. When the smoke of conflict blew away all four contestants were on their legs.

APPENDIX FROM FOREIGN PARTS

ARABIA

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Cablegram from Mecca:

There will be no more smoking in Mecca. The Wahabi tribesmen, on capturing the city, burned 100,000 water pipes. They have passed an iron law prohibiting the importation of cigars and cigarettes.

BELGIUM

I

Associated Press cablegram from Brussels:

King Albert has accepted membership in the Brussels Rotary Club . . . and expressed his interest in the Rotarians' ideals. . . . The King is now doubly a Rotarian, for he was already an honorary member of the Chicago Rotary Club.

BULGARIA

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Cablegram from Sofia:

The annual congress of the Bulgarian Prohibitionists was held recently at Plovdiv and was largely attended. Dr. H. Niecheff, the president, in his opening speech, referred to the beneficent effects of Prohibition in the United States.

CANADA

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Prompt action of the 100% Canadian *Daily Province* of Vancouver against foreign propaganda:

The child's pictorial cross-word puzzle which has been an evangelist, Charles S. Price . . . held his testimonial meet-cancelled by this newspaper. Through an inadvertence, there was published a puzzle where the definition, "the greatest country in the world," was worked out in the answer as the "United States," a reply which the *Province* and its readers are certainly not prepared to accept.

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Workings of the Holy Spirit in Winnipeg, as reported in the illustrious Manitoba *Free Press*:

Nearly thirty avowals of healing by the power of Jesus Christ were offered in the Winnipeg Rink . . . when the evangelist, Charles S. Price . . . held his testimonial meeting. . . .

The Rev. T. M. Sutherland, superintendent of the Shanty-men's Christian Association, western branch, declared that his wife had discarded the glasses she had worn 37 years, after she had gone down under the power. Maud A. Snow, 4 "The Sherbrook," music teacher, testified that, as the result

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of laying on of hands, she had been cured of tumors, Bright's disease and other ailments. . . . The Rev. Robert Patterson, D.D., Presbyterian minister of Brandon, said that liver trouble of long years' standing had been removed; that three crooks had been taken out of his spine; that he had thrown away his glasses.

Several in the audience claimed that they had examined the neck of Mrs. E. F. Comber, Selkirk, and had found no trace of the goitre which she claimed to have lost three months after attending one of the meetings. Mrs. R. Moore, 417 Inglewood street, was present with her 9-year-old child who, she said, had shown no signs of epilepsy since last July. John A. Hall, 368 Alexander avenue, had been injured in the shipyards at the Pacific coast and his heart was giving him trouble. His wife had sent him a handkerchief prayed over by Dr. Price, and a warm flame had passed over him when he was milking the cow. He and Mrs. Hall, who were both in the building, asserted that he was cured. Mrs. Margaret Gibson, 395 Carlton street, who had suffered heart trouble; William Page, 425 Lipton street, who had been attacked by appendicitis; . . . Mrs. Robert Porter, 691 Beverley, who suffered broken arches, bunions and gastritis for ten years; . . . declared that they had been cured by Jesus Christ through the prayers of Dr. Price.

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The spread of the Ku Klux spirit in the Dominion, as revealed by a leaflet widely distributed:

NOW!

LEARN ABOUT

A great British-Canadian, patriotic, fraternal organization

—the most powerful secret Order existing in the Empire; in which persons resident within the Empire may be taught the significance and essential value of being loyal subjects thereto; in which members may fraternize in an atmosphere of pure British Patriotism and, under a common oath and strict regulations, will be bound into a common brotherhood for the noble purpose of cultivating genuine loyalty to the Dominion of Canada and the British Crown, of promoting and protecting the lofty principles, traditions, ideals and institutions of the British Empire and her Dominions and Colonies, and of keeping the Empire secure from both foreign tyranny and internal treason; an Order which, while advocating justice to all people, is, nevertheless pledged to maintain the supremacy of the White race, the rights of Gentiles, and the integrity of the Protestant Faith, to shield the sanctity of the home and the chastity of womanhood, to uphold law and order and insist on the complete separation of Church and State, to exemplify practical benevolence and practice an honorable clan-nishness among the members, and, through the medium of an exalted and perfected ritual, the basis of which is found in the teachings of the Holy Bible, to inculcate a high spiritual philosophy.

Nothing can be clearer than that all persons who affiliate themselves with this Order and unselfishly strive for the promulgation of these eternal principles will be nobler men and better British subjects.

YOU, sir, IF YOU CAN QUALIFY, have NOW that opportunity for which you have long waited. It is of vital importance that we have REAL RED-BLOODED men, capable of carrying on that which has been so splendidly conceived and created.

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OUR POSITIVE PROGRAM

- To honor the glorious Union Jack as the sole flag of Canada and the British Empire.
 - To perpetuate a United British Empire.
 - To serve the Protestant Church.
 - To promote the Public School.
 - To fight for the sanctity of the home.
 - To promote Gentile Economic Betterment.
 - To advocate White Supremacy and Racial Purity.
 - To promote respect for Law and Order.
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You must be White, a Gentile and a Protestant, eighteen years of age or over, and engaged in a legitimate vocation.

If you can subscribe to these principles and wish to learn more, JUST SIGN YOUR NAME, address and vocation, and return to P. O. Box 146, Toronto, Canada.

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Christian words from the Hon. John H. Thompson, editor of the *Thorold Post*, as reported in the *Toronto Daily Star*:

I am opposed to bobbed hair. . . . The Creator made it long, and I am in favor of leaving it that way.

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Intellectual recreation of the high-powered, red-blooded he-men of Ontario, as brought to light in a recent dispatch:

Members of the Ontario Lions' Club, in luncheon session at the Hotel Casa Blanca, accepted a challenge presented by

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Les Wilson, president of the Anaheim Lions' Club, to enter a whisker-growing contest with members of the Orange county organization. Prizes are to be awarded for the longest, the reddest, the grayest and the smallest beards, according to Wilson, and Ontario Lions are to meet with members of the Anaheim den in thirty days to pick winners.

CUBA

I

Notice of the Gideon Mission, Havana, in the eminent
Post of that city:

Ninety-five per cent. of the men at the service last Sunday signified their earnest desire to get ready to meet Jesus at His Coming. Four said they were ready and would be glad to see Him come that day. Eight more offered fervent prayers.

ENGLAND

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Cablegram from London:

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals announces that it will spend \$10,000 to erect a cenotaph at Hyde Park Corner "in memory of the birds, beasts and fishes who gave their lives for the empire in the World War." The fish referred to are goldfish killed in the gas tests.

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Another:

The late President Warren G. Harding and his wife undoubtedly are united in the spirit world, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of "Sherlock Holmes," declared in an interview. "I think there is no doubt that the late President called out to his wife while she still was on earth, and actually summoned her to him, and that she went," Sir Arthur said.

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Headline on an article by the eminent R. W. Livingstone, M.A., D.Litt., in the *Rotary Wheel*, organ of the English Rotarians:

PLATO—AN EARLY ROTARIAN

ENGLAND

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The Rev. J. J. P. Armitage, of London, as reported by the *Observer*:

The League of Nations will come to nothing because in its preamble God is not mentioned.

FRANCE

I

Report of a debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the transfer of the remains of Jaurès, the Socialist, to the Pantheon:

GENERAL SAINT JUSTE (*Nationalist*): There was not a single French flag in the procession. All I could see were the detestable scarlet banners of Moscow.

M. VAILLANT-COUTURIER (*Communist*): Sit down, you assassin!

M. CACHIN (*Communist*): The socialists have confiscated Jaurès for their own purpose, but he belongs to us.

GENERAL SAINT JUSTE: We will meet your red flags with bullets next time.

M. VAILLANT-COUTURIER: For you a bullet is too good; we'll strangle you.

M. RENAUEL (*Radical*): You are a set of abominable demagogues.

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Cablegram from Paris:

Douglas Fairbanks has received the decoration of Officer of Public Instruction from the Minister of Education, M. de Jouvenel. The distinction was instituted to reward members of the pedagogic profession.

GERMANY

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Cablegram from Geisenfeld in Bavaria :

Franz Dietrich has won the sausage-eating championship of Germany. He ate fourteen one-pound sausages in two hours, and drank ten large glasses of beer.

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Cablegram from Berlin :

The theory that a murder victim's eye may hold the image of his slayer received scientific confirmation tonight from Professor Doehne, of Cologne University. The professor photographed the retinas of two of the victims of Fritz Angerstein, a merchant at Hagen, who killed eight persons the other day. The retina of one yielded a picture of Angerstein's face. The other showed the same face, contorted with rage, and the blade of the ax with which the murders were committed.

3

Another :

A radio university has been started in Berlin. Its faculty is to be composed of the most famous scholars of Germany. It is to be called Hans Bredow School in honor of State Secretary Dr. Bredow.

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Cablegram from Leipzig:

A chair of conjuring has been founded at Leipzig University under Professors Klemm and Kohlmann.

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Cablegram from the Berlin correspondent of the eminent New York *Sun*:

Just as a bridegroom in Carlsruhe was about to slip the wedding ring upon the finger of his bride the woman swooned, and when a physician was summoned she gave birth to twin boys.

GREECE

I

Cablegram from Athens, the old home of Socrates and Plato:

- Jackie Coogan was decorated with the medal of the Order of George by the Greek government today. The ceremony took place in the Acropolis.

HUNGARY

I

Cablegram from Vienna, proving that there is more freedom in the Old World than in this country:

The attorney general of Hungary has initiated a censorship for cross-word puzzles, demanding that newspapers submit puzzle and the answer before publishing the puzzle.

The reason for this action is said to be that a newspaper recently ran a puzzle, which, when solved, read: "Long live King Otto."

INDIA

I

Cablegram from Bombay:

- By a vote of 45 to 28 the Bombay Legislative Council has adopted a resolution in favor of Prohibition.

IRELAND

I

The spread of the New Morality to Portadown, Ulster:

The Rev. W. P. Nicholson appeared in his pulpit with his trousers rolled to his knees and his arms and chest bare. Nicholson's congregation gasped and then he explained: "I want to show the girls how they look to others when they wear short, sleeveless, low-neck frocks. I strongly condemn such costumes. They bring tears to the eyes of the girls' elders."

JAPAN

I

Miraculous effect of missionary effort among the heathen Japanese, as reported by cable from Tokyo:

Christianity, by supplanting the native Buddhism of a Japanese girl, saved her life. An admirer of the girl, despondent over her refusal to marry him, plunged a dagger toward her heart. She was carrying a Bible in her kimona. The dagger struck the Bible and was turned in its course. The girl will live.

MEXICO

I

Press dispatch from the City of Mexico:

Mexico City girls are preparing to fight, with extreme measures if necessary, for the right to bob their hair. The *Democrata* states that bobbed haired girls are arming, and that one store had begun a special sale of flapper pistols of .22 caliber. Over 50 pistols were sold Saturday, says the paper.

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Another from Tijuana:

While demonstrating how a revolver could have been used by the defendant on trial in a shooting case, Judge D. F. Sotomayor, of the Tijuana Court of the First Instance, shot himself behind the left ear and died an hour later. Under the impression that court attaches had removed the cartridges from the revolver, Judge Sotomayor placed the muzzle of the revolver under his left ear and pulled the trigger.

POLAND

I

Cablegram from Warsaw:

A bill to prohibit low-necked, sleeveless dresses which outline the figure has been introduced in the Polish Parliament. Clergymen of all denominations are taking part. One clause in the bill prohibits dressmaking firms from exhibiting in their windows fashion models which are considered immodest.

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Another:

The Pope's crusade against immodest dress has found many supporters among Polish women. Two girls, fashionably dressed, who appeared in a Warsaw church, were thrashed, stripped of their garments, and driven out by an angry crowd of housewives and spinsters.

RUSSIA

I

Associated Press wireless from Moscow:

Recurring murders throughout Russia of rural newspaper correspondents by the peasantry are giving the Government great anxiety. . . . According to official figures more than a thousand such correspondents have been murdered.

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Evidence that there is more liberty in Bolshevik Russia than in the United States, as gleaned from the Moscow *Pravda*:

DECISIONS OF THE MAIN REPERTORY COMMITTEE OF THE RUSSIAN STATE THEATRES AND OPERAS

1. The opera "Lohengrin" as a mystical production must be replaced by one more suitable ideologically.
2. In the opera "Eugene Onegin" the idyllic scene between the landlord and the peasants in the first act must be removed because it sounds false in present conditions.
3. The opera "Werther" is forbidden because in our days it is irrational to cultivate Werther moods.
4. Schiller's "Maria Stuart" is forbidden because it is a religious and monarchical play.

SOUTH AFRICA

I

Cablegram from Capetown:

John Zama, a native, has aroused the populace at Lydenburg by announcing that he is soon to ascend to heaven. He broke away from the Ethiopian Church a year ago, and, after fasting among the mountains and praying to a heap of stones, he baptized himself, standing up to his neck in deep water for days and nights. He said he was visited by an angel, who inspired him to write a new Bible, which he has done, discarding the Old and New Testaments.

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Cablegram from Capetown:

Police in the Belgian Congo are seeking a native prophet who, using a new method of baptism, drowned over 100 converts.

TIBET

I

From a bulletin of Science Service:

Dire consequences are feared in Tibet if tobacco is introduced into that hermit kingdom, it is revealed in a copy of an official letter of the Tibetan Government declining to permit the introduction of cigarettes by a British tobacco firm, which has been received at the U. S. National Museum. The letter says in part: "The country of Tibet is a holy kingdom and in this country there reside many Gods and Lamas and protecting Gods. By smoking cigarettes they will disappear like the clouds and misfortune will arise and the bad smell which will spread everywhere will affect men and animals, causing sickness, death, and disease to all, and also the loss of fortune and wealth of the people. Therefore we want to be saved from this and to study the benefit of all. The Tibetan Government does not allow the smoking of cigarettes in Tibet to anybody. We have informed the Indian Government of this at the same time. Though levying a tax on cigarettes in Tibet would be very good to make profits, yet it would cause great harm and sickness to Tibet as well as bad fortune." The letter is signed "By the collected Ministers of the Tibetan Government. In the Wood-Ox year, the first month, the 22d day."

WEST INDIES

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Dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica:

- Rumor that a woman had been changed into a mule and would be sent to the Jamaica Institute for exhibition, drew crowds to the local railway station. According to report, the woman had refused to give her mother bread, saying she would turn to a mule first. The mother fell on her knees in prayer, and the daughter immediately changed into a mule. Police had trouble clearing the crowd from trees and roofs of nearby houses.

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Alabama

1. Law Enforcement is a term that is used only in speaking of the effort to enforce such laws as invade the liberty of the individual. There are, in the United States, many societies devoted to the enforcement of such sumptuary statutes, and some of them are very powerful politically. The Anti-Saloon League, which specializes in Prohibition, is an example. But in almost every State there is also a Lord's Day Alliance, devoted to enforcing the Sabbatarian statutes surviving from colonial days. The multitudinous Comstock Societies fall under the same heading. Such societies are manned, in the main, by persons who get pleasure out of harassing their fellow-citizens from behind a safe breastwork of policemen. Their efforts are almost always in vain. The sumptuary laws are seldom actually enforced, save in rural communities. But they offer capital opportunities to blackmailers. The term Law Enforcement is never used in speaking of the enforcement of the ordinary laws. Most Prohibitionists, in fact, believe that such ordinary laws ought to be sacrificed to Prohibition. That is, they believe that it is perfectly moral to employ house-breaking, armed assault, and even murder in executing the Volstead Act.

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2. General Joseph E. Johnston was a distinguished commander on the Confederate side in the Civil War, 1861-1865, and has become a legendary hero in the South. He surrendered to Sherman April 26, 1865.

3. The Ku Klux Klan is perhaps too well known to need description. It originated as a movement of the Southern poor whites against the Negroes, and took its name from an organization formed in the South after the Civil War to put down the political and other excesses of the emancipated Negro slaves. But the two organizations are not to be confused. The latter-day Klan is very inferior. It is rapidly degenerating to the estate of an adjunct to the Methodist-Baptist bloc of evangelical churches, and is now mainly devoted to arousing the populace against the Catholics and to Law Enforcement (see *Alabama* 1). It has no strength in the large cities, but survives in the South and Middle West. In the latter region it is still powerful politically. Everywhere it works in alliance with the Anti-Saloon League.

4. Chink: a Chinaman. The word is frequently used as an adjective in place of Chinese.

5. Denny is a Virginian, and was formerly a professor of Latin. His studies, however, did not shake his Christian faith, and he remains a sound Presbyterian. He is A.B., A.M., Ph.D., D.C.L. and four times LL.D.

6. The battle of King's Mountain was fought on October 7, 1780, during the American Revolution, in South Carolina. About a thousand Georgia and Carolina

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backwoodsmen routed an equal force of British and Loyalists troops. Who Jinny Bean was I don't know.

7. A.M.E.: African Methodist Episcopal.

8. Normal school: a public institution for the training of school-teachers.

9. Tuskegee: the seat of the great Negro school founded by Booker T. Washington. The members of its faculty constitute a Negro aristocracy, and their presence at a social function indicates that it is high in tone.

10. Mortician: a euphemism for undertaker. See *Illinois* 3.

11. Hookworm: an intestinal parasite (*Necator americanus*). The victim shows great lassitude and mental dulness. The general slackness of the low-caste Southerners is largely due to hookworm infestation. It is also partly responsible for their intense piety.

Arizona

1. White wing: a member of the street-cleaning brigade. Throughout the United States these men wear white cotton uniforms and white helmets.

2. The American Legion is an organization of soldiers who served in the World War. It is largely made up of drafted men who saw little, if any service in battle, and devotes itself to milking the public treasury.

3. Rotary scarcely needs explanation: it has extended everywhere. In each town there is a club. The members represent different avocations, and once a week they meet at luncheon, slap one another's backs, sing sentimental songs, and listen to gaudy speeches. In the smaller towns

it is a distinction to belong to Rotary, but in the big cities it is commonly regarded somewhat sniffishly.

Arkansas

1. The Volstead Act is the statute which presumes to enforce Prohibition. It is violated everywhere.
2. Paul Whiteman is a popular leader of jazz bands.
3. See *Alabama* 11.
4. Moonshine, in the old days of license, meant whiskey distilled illicitly and upon which no excise was paid. Now it means any whiskey of rural manufacture.
5. Old Glory: the national flag. Also commonly called the Stars and Stripes.
6. The Missionary Baptists are a sect infesting the more remote rural regions. Their doctrines remain somewhat mysterious, but it is known that they are very pious, and baptize by total immersion.

California

1. Want ad: a small advertisement inserted by a private person, usually asking for lodgings or a situation.
2. New Thought: a mystical cult that is very flourishing in the United States. Its adherents believe that all diseases may be cured by thinking against them. It is especially strong in Los Angeles, a city largely peopled by retired farmers from the Middle West.
3. Kiwanis is a sort of imitation of Rotary. See *Arizona* 3.
4. Oakland is a suburb of San Francisco, from which

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it is separated by an arm of San Francisco Bay. Its chief distinction is that it was once the home of Ambrose Bierce.

5. Shriner: a member of the Ancient and Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, an adjunct of Freemasonry. Once a year the Nobles meet in some large city, array themselves in gorgeous robes, and march in a parade. Then they go into session with the bootleggers. They are mainly middle-aged business men.

6. Bryanite: a follower of the late William Jennings Bryan—that is to say, one who believes in the literal accuracy of the Bible as history.

7. Daylight-saving time: Summer time. It is opposed throughout rural America on religious grounds. The rustics believe that setting the clock ahead an hour will anger God and provoke lightning.

8. Mental anguish is a ground for divorce in many American States, though not in all. Thus, a wife may get a divorce if her husband causes her mental anguish by questioning her fidelity.

9. Eminent artists: that is to say, cinema actors and actresses. Hollywood, a suburb of Los Angeles, is the seat of most of the large film-producing companies. The artists there resident receive large salaries, and lead a merry, Levantine life.

10. Most American newspapers maintain staff poets. McGroarty serves the Los Angeles *Times* in that capacity, and is greatly admired by the retired farmers who swarm in Southern California.

11. A Civil Service Commission is an official body ap-

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pointed to examine applicants for posts in the Civil Service.

12. **Aframerican**: a portmanteau word made up of African and American. It designates an American of color.

13. **Frederick Douglass**, born in slavery in 1817, was a celebrated Negro leader in the days before the Civil War. He traversed the Northern States advocating the abolition of slavery, and was also heard in England.

14. **He-man**: a Western term designating one completely free from effeminate weaknesses. He-men are masculine in every attitude and gesture, physical and mental. The antithesis of a he-man is a lizzie.

15. **Lions' Club**: an organization modelled on Rotary and Kiwanis. See *Arizona* 3 and *California* 3.

16. **Jesse James and Rube Burrows** were celebrated outlaws of a generation ago in the West.

17. **Auf wiedersehen**: German for "until we meet again." It is one of a large number of German phrases that have crept into the American language.

18. **Elbert H. Gary**, formerly a judge, is chairman of the United States Steel Corporation. He is very pious, and frequently delivers platitudinous speeches. He is generally regarded in the United States as a man of immense wisdom, and his most trivial utterances are reported by the newspapers.

Colorado

1. **Chores**: the common round of household tasks.

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2. Commercial Club: another imitator of Rotary. See *Arizona* 3.

3. Jack Dempsey: the heavy-weight pugilist, a native of Manassa.

4. Janitor: the care-taker of a building.

Connecticut

1. Trinity College is a small institution at Hartford, Conn. It is controlled by the Protestant Episcopal Church, the American branch of the Church of England.

District of Columbia

1. Women public officials are becoming common in America. In Ohio, the home State of Mrs. Willebrandt, there is a woman Supreme Court judge.

2. The *Congressional Record* is the American Hansard. It contains a complete stenographic report of the daily debates in the two Houses of Congress, and much other matter, inserted by members under "leave to print" orders.

3. In all official documents members of Congress are referred to as "the Hon.," though there is no warrant in American law for the designation.

4. A cheer leader is a student told off to lead his fellows when they deliver the university yell or applaud their athletes.

5. Apparently pep comes from the word pepper. It designates high animal spirits, which are regarded as laudable.

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Florida

1. William Jennings Bryan was a citizen of Florida at the time of his death. He was employed by estate agents there to make speeches to crowds of potential customers, and so promote the sale of building sites.

2. Alice Rhinelander is a colored woman, and her husband is white. He sought an annulment of their marriage, alleging that he thought she was white when he married her, but he was defeated in court. In all the Southern States such mixed marriages are forbidden, and parties to them may be imprisoned.

3. That region in which the literal accuracy of the Bible as history is accepted. It covers the whole United States, save for the larger cities.

4. He-Christian: a Christian who is also a he-man. The document quoted is a typical specimen of he-Christian literature.

Illinois

1. Babbitt: a generic name designating the more stupid, sentimental and credulous sort of business man. It is borrowed from the name of the chief character in Sinclair Lewis' novel, "Babbitt."

2. Sauer-kraut: a German delicacy, made by slicing and fermenting cabbage. It was introduced into the American cuisine by German immigrants, and is now very popular. During the late war the Government decreed that the original name be dropped, and liberty-cabbage substituted, but the change was opposed by public senti-

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ment. Sauer-kraut is supposed to be full of vitamins, and is thus regarded as a very salubrious victual.

3. Mortician: see also *Alabama* 9.

Indiana

1. Notre Dame, as its name indicates, is controlled by the Roman Catholics. It has an enrolment of nearly 2,500 students.

2. It is not unusual in America for a judge to engage in partisan politics. It will be recalled that Dr. Charles Evans Hughes left the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States to stand for the Presidency in opposition to Dr. Wilson in 1916.

3. Church of Christ: a sect of fanatics.

Iowa

1. Buddy: a term of affection for a fellow soldier.

2. Two-bits: 25 cents.

3. Frankfurter: a favorite American sausage. When roasted it is often called a hot dog. The popular theory is that it is made of dog meat.

Kansas

1. Corn: a crude whiskey made of Indian corn.

2. Shyster: a pettifogger. Apparently the word is of German origin.

3. Hyphenate: an America who was born somewhere else, and shows an affection for the country of his origin. During the late war the German-Americans were vio-

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lently denounced as hyphenates. The term was originated, I believe, by Theodore Roosevelt.

Kentucky

1. The K.K.K.: the Ku Klux Klan. See *Alabama* 3.
2. In the mountains of Kentucky the blood feud still prevails, and many mountaineers are slaughtered annually.

Louisiana

1. A realtor is an estate agent of the superior sort. The term represents an effort to dignify the craft by giving its practitioners a high-sounding appellation. See also Mortician, *Alabama* 10.

2. Fundamentalism: the doctrine that the Bible is literally true, and especially the first book of Genesis. The Fundamentalists are very powerful in the South and Middle West, and are rapidly filling the State statute-books with laws forbidding the teaching of evolution in schools maintained at the public expense, including the State universities.

3. See *California* 1.

Maine

1. *I.e.*, of contraband alcoholic beverages

Maryland Free State

1. So called because it supports a political faction which believes literally in the guarantees of the Bill of

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Rights, and is thus opposed to the common American practice of sending unpopular men to jail on vague and preposterous charges. See *Maryland Free State* 3. This faction consists of five members.

2. Gold Star Mothers: an organization of women who lost sons in the late war. Such a bereaved mother is entitled to fly a service flag from her house, bearing a gold star for each son lost.

3. Slurring the United States, *i.e.*, denouncing the Government in a violent manner. It is not punishable by law in most States, but offenders are commonly laid by the heels by charging them with disorderly conduct or disturbing the peace.

4. A go-getter is a man of active and even violent enterprise—one who is determined to get what he wants at all costs.

5. A back-formation, derived from enthusiasm.

6. Petting party: a common euphemism. Its meaning here should not be concealed from the judicious reader.

Massachusetts

1. See *California* 2.

2. Sheik movies: cinema films showing the adventures of heroes with a talent for ensnaring the fair.

3. Trolley-car: a tram-car.

4. The *Christian Science Sentinel* is a daily newspaper published in Boston by the Christian Scientists. It supports Prohibition.

5. Social Register: a roster of fashionables, published

annually in every large American city. The newly rich make herculean efforts to get their names into it.

6. Petting: fondling and kissing. There is much protest against its prevalence among the younger generation.

Michigan

1. Swift & Company, the Chicago meat-packers, offer a ham under the brand of the Swift Premium.

2. A booster is one who devotes himself to proclaiming the virtues of his home town. To be a booster is almost a religious obligation in most American communities.

3. Edgar Albert Guest, an Englishman by birth, is a favorite manufacturer of popular poetry. His compositions are printed in scores of newspapers daily, and are vastly admired by millions. He has grown rich by the practise of his art.

4. Blind pig: an illicit liquor shop.

5. See *Michigan* 3.

6. Couzens was formerly a partner of Henry Ford. He retired with \$75,000,000, and is now a United States Senator. Politically, he has very liberal ideas.

Minnesota

1. W. C. T. U.: the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Founded in 1874, it played an important part in the long campaign for the adoption of Prohibition finally successful in 1920.

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2. O'Cedar: a proprietary cleansing compound.
3. See *Minnesota* 1.

Mississippi

1. See *Massachusetts* 6.

Missouri

1. See *Maryland Free State* 4.
2. The author of "The Man With the Hoe."
3. See *Michigan* 3.
4. Clarence Darrow, the chief counsel for Scopes.
5. All-day sucker: a sweet.

Nebraska

1. The adventures of Andy Gump and his family are depicted in hundreds of American newspapers every day. Andy himself is almost as well known as Dr. Coolidge.
2. Chiropractic is a medical quackery which teaches that all diseases are caused by the pressure of misplaced bones, usually of the vertebræ, upon nerves. Its practitioners are mainly ignoramuses. But they are immensely successful in the rural sections, and have even got a lodgment in the big cities.

Nevada

1. Seniors: members of the upper class.

New Jersey

1. Walt Whitman lived in Camden for many years

before his death. His old home there is now preserved as a literary shrine, but during his lifetime Camden viewed him askance.

2. Comfort station, or public comfort station, is a euphemism to conceal a public W. C.

New Mexico

1. Green Indian corn, a favorite American delicacy. It is gnawed from the cob, and eating it is a rather messy business.

New York

1. The Jews now constitute a third of the population of New York.

2. Dell is a Socialist novelist, Miss Wylie is a poet and novelist, and Benét, her husband, is a poet.

3. The Lord's Day Alliance is an organization of fanatics advocating the strictest Sabbatarianism. It is very powerful in the South and Middle West, but its greatest feats of suppression are achieved, not in the United States, but in Ontario, Canada.

4. This amusing journal, which denounced the Catholics and Jews with immense enthusiasm, is now extinct.

5. Jewish Science evidently represents an effort to reclaim the thousands of American Jews who, on attaining affluence, have embraced Christian Science as a means of escape from the synagogue. Many others have become Episcopalians, *i.e.*, members of the American branch of the Church of England.

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6. Josephus was Secretary of the Navy in the Cabinet of Dr. Wilson. His paper is one of the leading journals of the South.

Ohio

1. The Lucy Stone League carries on an agitation for greater independence for married women. It advocates their retention of their maiden names. Lucy Stone, born in 1818, was a pioneer American suffragist. She married one Henry B. Blackwell, but retained her maiden name.

2. In many American cities the official in charge of the police force, the fire brigade, etc., is called a safety director.

3. See *Michigan* 2.

4. This high-sounding organization is analagous to the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. See *California* 5.

5. Publicist: a favorite American euphemism for press-agent.

6. The Co-operative Club is an imitator of Rotary. See *Arizona* 3.

Oregon

1. A Federal statute forbidding the transportation of women across State borders "for immoral purposes." It was passed on the plea that it was needed to put down the white slave trade, but it is now used to persecute men whose amorous successes arouse the envy of the rabble.

2. See *Michigan* 3.

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Pennsylvania

1. See *Illinois* 1.

2. The *Public Ledger* is owned by Cyrus H. K. Curtis, the proprietor of the *Ladies' Home Journal* and the *Saturday Evening Post*. All of his publications are inordinately conservative in politics.

3. P. O. S. A.: the Patriotic Order, Sons of America. An organization of mechanics and small farmers, allied in doctrine to the Ku Klux Klan.

South Carolina

1. The Hon. Cole L. Blease, formerly Governor of South Carolina, and now one of the State's representatives in the United States Senate, is a stormy figure in Southern politics. He rose to power as an exponent of the class of poor whites, and is a bitter critic of the old Southern aristocracy.

South Dakota

2. Every American college of any pretensions employs professional coaches to train its athletes. In many colleges they rank as members of the faculty.

Tennessee

1. It was in Tennessee, it will be recalled, that the Scopes trial was held. It would ruin any politician in the State to be suspected of believing in evolution.

2. The Seventh Day Adventists, who have many adherents in the Appalachian mountain region, believe that

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the world is near its end. They keep Saturday as their Sabbath, and are very pious.

3. Necking is a form of petting. See *Massachusetts* 6 and *Maryland Free State* 6.

Texas

1. Sidney Lanier was a Southern poet (1842-1881).

2. Albert Sidney Johnston was a general in the Confederate service in the Civil War. He was killed in battle, April 6, 1862.

3. Longhorn: a nickname applied to students at the University of Texas. It was suggested by the longhorn cattle which once constituted the chief wealth of the State.

Utah

1. Jackie Coogan: a juvenile star of the cinema.

2. See *Nebraska* 2.

Washington

1. Ethel Barrymore: a popular American actress.

2. See *California* 2.

Wisconsin

1. Co-ed: a female student in a college admitting both sexes.

2. A copy-reader is a sub-editor.